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In general, without express authority in a city's charter or in statute, a local government cannot make donations of public property or money.

This bill permits a county, home rule or statutory city, or town to donate to a nonprofit organization "cellular phones and emergency medical and firefighting equipment that is no longer needed by the local government because it does not meet industry standards for emergency medical services, police, or fire departments or has minimal or no resale value."

Before the local government makes any donations, it must adopt a policy on how it will determine what equipment is surplus eligible for donation and how it will determine which nonprofit organizations may receive donations.