



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Animal Services
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: March 17, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director & Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Jan E. Glick, MS, Director of Animal Services (934-6953)

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant from the National Animal Control Association

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors considers the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$4,000 grant, subject to conditions set forth in the grant application and acceptance letter, from the National Animal Control Association (NACA) Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program for the purchase of ballistic vests and related safety gear for Santa Barbara County Animal Control Officers.
- b) Approve budget revision request (BJE #0003798) to establish appropriations of \$5,600 in the Public Health Department's Animal Services General Fund Services and Supplies for the purchase of ballistic vests and related safety gear funded by \$4,000 in unanticipated revenue from the National Animal Control Association (NACA) Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program and the transfer of \$1,600 from Salaries and Benefits.
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The National Animal Control Association (NACA) Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program has generously approved Animal Services application for grant funding to support the safety of Santa

Barbara County's Animal Control Officers. By accepting this grant funding of \$4,000, Animal Services will be able to purchase life-saving ballistic vests for the officers to wear on duty.

Background:

On November 28, 2012, Animal Control Officer Roy Marcum, 45, visited a Galt, CA. foreclosed home -- believed to be unoccupied -- to tend to animals left behind by an evicted resident. When Officer Marcum and bank officials approached the home, Marcum was killed by a shotgun blast through the front door.

In recognition of the valuable and dangerous work animal control officers across the country carry out each day, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) announced a \$100,000 grant to NACA to help protect animal control officers. The funds will be used to support the "Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program," which provides ballistic vests to animal control officers performing field duties for municipal, county, and non-profit animal care and control agencies. NACA made available up to \$4,000 in grant funding for each applying organization. Animal Services submitted an application, received the award notification, and accepted the grant award which acknowledged that grant recipients would be required to provide monthly reporting to NACA on the utilization of the vests.

The purpose of this grant is to assist with the purchase of 10 ballistic vests, which are the type worn under the shirt. Santa Barbara County currently does not have 10 officers requiring vests. However, six officer indicated a preference for "crossover carriers", which are outer vests that can be worn over the clothes and can be easily worn intermittently by officers. Officials at NACA were consulted and concurred that the intent of the grant is to increase officer safety and that the use of the grant funds to purchase crossover carriers is acceptable. NACA also concurred that Santa Barbara County would only purchase 8 ballistic vests at this time. Once received, the County is required to provide monthly reporting for the first year to NACA on the utilization of the ballistic vests and crossover carriers.

The terms of the grant require Animal Services to have a replacement plan for the ballistic vests once they show wear or expire. The replacement cycle of a ballistic resistant vest is generally from three to five years depending on the type of vest and usage. Animal Services is committed to replacing the ballistic vests and crossover carriers on an ongoing basis from the budgeted equipment fund for the safety of the staff.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Approving the acceptance of the \$4,000 grant from the National Animal Control Association (NACA) Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program does not affect mandates or service levels. The grant has been received and deposited in the Public Health Department's Animal Services program. The \$4,000 grant will be used to assist with the purchase of 8 life-saving ballistic vests and 6 outer vest crossover carriers for a total estimated cost of \$5,600.

Approving the budget revision will establish appropriations of \$5,600 in the Public Health Department's Animal Services program services and supplies funded by the \$4,000 NACA grant and a transfer of \$1,600 from Salaries and Benefits, made available by salary savings from vacancies.

Acceptance of this grant will not increase the use of general fund resources.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

N/A

Special Instructions:

1. Request the Planning and Development Department to post the Notices of Exemption (Attached) for the Animal Services Grant Award in the County Planning and Development Department at least six (6) days prior to consideration of the activity by the Board of Supervisors to comply with the County CEQA guidelines.
2. Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at: PHDCU@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

NACA Officer Roy Marcum Ballistic Vest Grant Program Award Letter
Notice of CEQA Exemption
Budget Revision Request (BJE #0003798)

Authored by:

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