



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: February 10, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Sarah Aguilar, Animal Services Director, 805-698-0212

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation in the Amount of \$32,371

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the acceptance of a donation of \$32,371 to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation to fund a Community Outreach Coordinator Animal Health Extra Help (EXH) Class 008365 part-time in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010939 in the amount of \$32,371 for unanticipated revenue for use in the Animal Services FY 2025-2026 budget; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because the recommended action consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to accept the generous donation of \$32,371 from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation (SBCACF) for the sole purpose of funding a part-time extra help (EXH) Enrichment Program Coordinator for Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) in FY 2025-26.

This position will be responsible for the creation and standardization of a volunteer led in-kennel enrichment program across all three shelter locations. Once the full funding amount has been utilized, the ongoing program management will shift to volunteers with oversight at each shelter location by the assigned Shelter Supervisor.

Discussion:

VCA Charities reached out to identify what would be needed to install a sustainable in-kennel enrichment program across our municipal shelters. After analyzing the various resource needs, it was determined the best use of support would be to fund a team member dedicated to the creation of a volunteer led standardized program, including recruitment, training, scheduling, and tools. These funds were awarded to SBCACF in the form of a one-time Ready for Rescue Grant.

This item accepts the passthrough of these funds from SBCACF for the purpose of funding the team member.

SBCAS will communicate with SBCACF regarding enrichment outcomes including any reduction in stress behaviors, length of stay for dogs with enrichment plans, and volunteer retention. SBCAS will share the achievements and impact of the project with SBCACF. The VCA Charities grant to SBCACF requires that SBCACF expend the funds by June 30, 2026.

Background:

SBCACF is a non-profit organization founded in 2002, dedicated to promoting animal welfare and to bettering the quality of life for animals in Santa Barbara County. As a committed partner of SBCAS and in support of facility upgrades, medical funding, foster homes, animal care, shelter volunteers and outreach to the community, this organization is committed to the well-being of animals under the care of SBCAS.

To decrease kennel stress of the animals and to increase their in-kennel enrichment, SBCACF identified and secured funds to enable SBCAS to create and hire a limited term EXH position to implement this program.

SBCAS is continually grateful to SBCACF and all their efforts year after year to identify opportunities to increase our impact and improve our shelters.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Accepting the donation from SBCACF in the amount of \$32,371 does not impact mandates, service levels, or general fund contribution. The donation is expected to fund 810.8 hours of extra help labor at an estimated cost of \$39.925 per hour. A budget revision in the amount of \$32,371 is necessary to amend the adopted FY 2025-26 Animal Services budget to reflect the unanticipated revenues and expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis:

This SBCACF donation is expected to be one-time in nature.

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	Total
Donation	\$32,371	\$32,371
Total	\$32,371	\$32,371

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Staffing Impacts:

One unfunded Community Outreach Coordinator Animal Health EXH Class 008365 will be funded by this donation. After the term, the position will end.

Special Instructions:

Please email the Minute Order to the CHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org when available.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Budget Revision Request No. 0010939

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