



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Submitted on:
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Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
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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
SUBJECT: **Acceptance of In-Kind Donations to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation: X-Ray Machine and Related Equipment in the amount of \$31,108.76**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and ratify the acceptance of the in-kind donation gifts to Santa Barbara County Animal Services from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation of a portable X-ray machine and related equipment valued at \$31,108.76 (Attachment A);
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0011025 (Attachment B) in the amount of \$31,109.00 for unanticipated revenue for use in the Animals Services FY 2025-2026 budget; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to accept in-kind donations of a portable X-ray machine and related equipment, valued at \$31,108.76, from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation (SBCACF) for use by the Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) Veterinary team. This equipment will enhance SBCAS's ability to diagnose and treat animals in care, support improved medical outcomes, and reduce costs associated with outsourcing diagnostic services and transporting animals to external veterinary providers. The equipment is intended for use at the Santa Maria facility, though it will be utilized across its shelter system.

Discussion:

Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) provides medical care to thousands of animals annually, many of whom present with injuries, illness, or unknown medical conditions requiring diagnostic evaluation. Historically, SBCAS has had limited access to on-site radiographic imaging, requiring staff to make treatment decisions without the benefit of immediate diagnostic confirmation or to transport animals to external veterinary providers for imaging services.

The addition of a portable X-ray machine and related equipment will significantly enhance the Veterinary team's ability to provide timely, accurate diagnoses for conditions such as fractures, dislocations, foreign body ingestions, and internal injuries. This capability will improve the quality of care provided to animals, reduce delays in treatment, and support more informed medical and humane decision-making.

In addition to improving clinical outcomes, the availability of in-house radiography is expected to reduce costs associated with outsourcing diagnostic services and decrease staff time spent transporting animals to external veterinary providers. This donation strengthens SBCAS's internal medical capacity and aligns with ongoing efforts to expand in-house veterinary services and improve operational efficiency.

This item allows SBCAS to accept the donation of portable X-ray equipment from SBCACF, which secured funding through community support and philanthropy to meet this identified need. SBCAS will utilize this equipment across its shelter system, with primary use at the Santa Maria facility where surgical and advanced medical services are conducted.

Background:

SBCACF is a non-profit organization founded in 2002, dedicated to promoting animal welfare and to better the quality of life for animals in Santa Barbara County. As a committed partner of SBCAS, SBCACF supports facility upgrades, medical care, foster programming, volunteer engagement, and community outreach initiatives that directly benefit animals in County care.

Through continued collaboration, SBCACF identifies critical gaps in resources and works to secure funding that enhances SBCAS operations and animal welfare outcomes. The donation of this X-ray equipment represents a strategic investment in veterinary infrastructure, allowing SBCAS to provide a higher standard of care while reducing reliance on external services.

SBCAS is continually grateful to SBCACF for their ongoing partnership and commitment to improving the lives of animals in Santa Barbara County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No.

Accepting the non-cash donation valued at \$31,109 for an X-ray machine, 1 year of remote technical support, and additional supplies from Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation does not affect mandates or general fund contribution. A budget revision is necessary to record the non-cash

donation by increasing revenue and expenditure accounts (Attachment B). A journal entry to recognize the donation in the County financial system will be processed after Board approval.

Estimated annual operating expenses are \$1,519 for dosimetry badge replacements (\$300), remote technical support (\$900), and state registration pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 17, § 30145 (\$319). Repair parts and labor costs would be on an as-needed, break-fix basis. The estimated annual operating expenses and small repair costs (<\$3,500) can be absorbed by the Animal Services budgets for FY 25/26 (adjusted) and FY 26/27 (recommended). Large repair costs would require future budget revisions.

There could be a reduction in costs to Animal Services for diagnostic imaging that would have otherwise been outsourced. These reduced costs could offset the new costs for operating the machine. There is no estimated amount for this potential cost reduction.

Animal Services could seek web-based image storage and telemedicine interpretation services in the future. These are not needed at this time or in the near future and have an unknown cost.

Fiscal Analysis:

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

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	Total
Non-Cash Donation	\$31,109	\$31,109
Total	\$31,109	\$31,109

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A – Documentation of Value (Sales Order)

Attachment B – Budget Revision Request No. 0011025

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