



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: May 4, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: California Department of Food and Agriculture Grant Award for Spay and Neuter Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$7,500 award from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to be used for spaying and neutering animals owned by community members in Santa Barbara County; and
- b) Approve budget revision request No. 0007473 to increase line item accounts for “Animal Control Programs” restricted fund balance and “Other Services Revenue” by \$7,500 for spay and neuter services; and
- c) Determine that these activities are not the approval of a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is not a project as it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does 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 approve the acceptance of a \$7,500 award and to approve budget revision request No. 0007473. The Public Health Department’s (PHD) Animal Services program applied for, and was awarded funding from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). This award will be used to pay for spay and neuter services of owned animals through targeted outreach efforts to owners in need of assistance throughout Santa Barbara County. By accepting this award, Animal Services will have expanded funding to increase access to affordable or free spay and neuter services for the pets of low-income individuals for whom the cost of these services would otherwise be a barrier.

Background:

With the passage of the Responsible Pet Ownership ordinance in Santa Barbara County, which became effective January 1, 2010, the need for local access to affordable spay and neuter services has increased. County Animal Services has established the Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO) Program and outreach efforts have identified a high demand for affordable services. A local coalition of participating agencies and individuals has been meeting and coordinating efforts to promote responsible pet ownership and availability of affordable spay and neuter surgeries. Despite the fact that Santa Barbara County has a number of agencies that provide affordable spay and neuter services to the public, there is often a wait for access to these services due to high demand. Outreach activities are planned to increase community awareness of the problems with pet overpopulation and the overall benefits of spay/neuter for pets and for the safety net system of animal shelters. The Santa Maria Animal Center has the capacity to provide spay/neuter services to the public and these grant funds will ensure that the cost of the spay/neuter procedure is not a barrier for low-income residents.

This award will augment Animal Services Spay/Neuter Agency funding and be utilized to increase pet owner responsibility in Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

Funds must be used to supplement, not replace, other funding sources for existing services and programs. The awarded funds must be expended within 12 months of receipt and only be used to spay and neuter dogs and cats owned by individual members of the community. Additionally, the terms of the grant prohibit Animal Services from using the funds to spay or neuter animals impounded at County Shelters.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Approval of the \$7,500 award from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) does not affect mandates or service levels. The funds will be used to increase access to affordable and free spay and neuter services for the pets of low-income individuals. Although spay and neuter services are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2020-21 Adopted budget, this \$7,500 award is not budgeted. Therefore, the budget revision is needed to set aside the funds for use within the 12 month award cycle which begins when the amount is received. The amount is expected to be received by mid-May 2021 or within 45 days from the date of notification. A final budget adjustment will be made to add the budget in FY 2021-2022.

Acceptance of this award will not increase the general fund contribution.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at:
Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

A. CDFA Prevention (Spay Neuter) Fund Application

B. Budget Journal Entry Number: BJE-0007473

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