



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** April 2, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5 Vote Required

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** California for All Animals Shelter Assistance Grant Agreement

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management, CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- A) Approve and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department, or Designee, to execute the Shelter Services Agreement to accept a grant award in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of January 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025 (Attachment A), from the Regents of the University of California, a state entity, facilitating the California for All Animals (CA4AA) assistance program;
- B) Approve budget revision BJE Number 0009589 (Attachment B) in the amount of \$200,000 to establish appropriations for unanticipated revenue in Animal Services FY 2023-2024 from the Regents of the University of California, Davis; and
- C) Find that the proposed action is an administrative and fiscal activity of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; and is therefore, not a “project” as defined for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) or (b)(5).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request authorization to accept a grant and execute a Shelter Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from The Regents of the University of California,

administering on behalf of its Davis Campus School of Veterinary Medicine on behalf of its Koret Shelter Medicine Program. The grant funding is through the California for All Animals statewide animal shelter assistance program, awarding local funds to support keeping pets and people together. These grant funds will be used to fund a limited term, extra help “Pawsitive” Health Care Program Coordinator, aimed at reducing Santa Barbara County service barriers, supporting animal-related service navigation to countywide programs, and establishing a resource network within Santa Barbara County to help keep pets and people together.

**Background:**

In the FY 2020-21 state budget, Governor Newsom proposed \$50 million in one-time General Fund dollars for the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to develop a program that provides expertise, support, and local assistance grants over a five-year period to help local communities achieve the state’s policy goal that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat should be euthanized. The California for All Animals program was established and a More Pets and People Together grant was offered to local animal shelters in the fall of 2023. Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) was deemed eligible for a non-competitive shelter assistance grant award in the amount of \$200,000, inclusive of salaries, benefits, indirect costs, marketing, and project supplies to support implementation.

The Santa Barbara County Animal Services has proposed the establishment of a pivotal liaison position to connect the Public Health Department’s Animal Services with other departments and agencies of Santa Barbara County, including, but not limited to Social Services, Community Services, Probation, and Behavioral Wellness. In support of the County’s “No Wrong Door” approach to health and human services and its implementation of service navigators, the “Pawsitive” Health Care Program Coordinator is aimed to provide comprehensive support for both pets and people by identifying and reducing potential barriers to County services that may exist for vulnerable individuals and their cherished pets. For example, individuals that require recurring clinic or rehabilitative or mental health care, those experiencing homelessness that need shelter space, or a farmworker seeking to access social services may all be hesitant or unable to obtain these necessary services based on a lack of transportation, co-sheltering options, or resources to temporarily house their pets.

This position would initially evaluate if barriers to service exist, inventory existing pet component opportunities for coordination between departments, and then identify potential pet care and safety net foster resources that may serve to support vulnerable individuals being navigated within the County for whole person care. With this grant, SBCAS will also undertake a multifaceted approach to address the unique challenges faced by homeless individuals and their pets, building bridges across human service programs.

The term of the grant agreement is from January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025, with the total cost of services not to exceed \$200,000. No ongoing funding obligations to the County are included beyond April 30, 2025, by the acceptance and execution of this grant by the Public Health Department.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Upon execution of the Shelter Services Agreement, UC Davis will issue an advanced check of \$200,000. The attached BJE will establish appropriation for the estimated amount to be used by June 30, 2024, \$28,900. The remainder of \$171,100 will be designated to be used in FY 2024-2025.

In accordance with the agreement, no construction costs will be funded through this grant allocation. The Extra Help liaison position tasks of connecting Animal Services to other departments and agencies for services will not increase the Animal Services budget.

**Staffing Impacts:**

There will be no increase or decrease in ordinance staff as a result of executing the Shelter Services Agreement to accept the grant award. The project scope will be completed by an extra help position with Santa Barbara County Animal Services.

**Special Instructions:**

Request the Clerk of the Board to email the Minute Order to the Public Health Department Contracts Unit at [PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbephd.org](mailto:PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbephd.org)

**Attachments:**

- A. Shelter Services Agreement with The Regents of the University of California
- B. Budget Revision BJE Number 0009589

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