



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: July 18, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Carrie Topliffe, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Jan E. Glick, MS, Director of Animal Services (934-6953)

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Petco Foundation Grant Award for Lifesaving Efforts

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 consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$25,000 grant from the Petco Foundation, subject to the conditions set forth in the grant application (Attachment C) and the grant approval notification email (Attachment B), to be used for lifesaving measures within Animal Services.
- b) Approve budget revision request No. 0005155 (Attachment D) to establish appropriations for use in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for "Services and Supplies" and "Miscellaneous Revenue" of \$25,000 funded by the Petco Foundation.
- 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, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment E).

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda for approval to receive grant funding and to approve a budget revision request (Attachment D). The Public Health Department's Animal Services program applied for, and was awarded, a \$25,000 grant from the PETCO Foundation (Attachment A). This grant will be used to pay for veterinary services and treatment for impounded animals, laboratory testing, medications and/or

microchips. By accepting this grant, Animal Services will have expanded funding to increase its lifesaving efforts for animals in the three community animal shelters operated by the County.

Background:

In the spring of 2016, Animal Services Community Outreach Coordinator, Stacy Silva embarked on a partnership with Saint Joseph's High School Cross Country Team Coach, Luis Escobar, to begin a program where the Cross Country team was running with shelter dogs at the Santa Maria Animal Center. This innovative idea was popular with the students, the volunteers, the staff, and especially the dogs, and quickly caught the attention of media. The story was broadly shared in social media and Luis Escobar was featured on the Rachel Ray Show talking about this creative program. The next milestone was a feature of the program on "Shelter Me, Community Matters", an uplifting film series that celebrates shelter pets and the people who help them. Shelter Me partners with animal welfare organizations to organize spay-neuter clinics, promote humane education programs and help develop and implement life-saving projects directly at animal shelters. Shelter Me also partners with the Petco Foundation. When the Petco Foundation learned of Santa Barbara County's partnership with the Cross Country Team and the County's other innovative programs for shelter animals, they made the County aware of the opportunity to apply for a lifesaving grant. The grant was awarded and the funds received on June 16, 2017. The Petco Foundation has more than 4,000 animal welfare partners and has invested more than \$175 million in lifesaving animal welfare work. This grant of \$25,000 awarded to Santa Barbara County Animal Services represents a generous local investment by the Petco Foundation in adoption and medical care programs.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Accepting the \$25,000 grant from the Petco Foundation will augment Animal Services ability to continue its lifesaving veterinary medical care and treatment for shelter animals. The grant funding has been received and deposited in Fund 0920.

Approving the budget revision establishes appropriations of \$25,000 in the Public Health Department's Animal Services General Fund Services and Supplies for use in FY 2017-2018 to be spent on lifesaving animal care funded by the Petco Foundation.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at: PHDCU@sbcpd.org

Attachments:

- A. Petco Foundation Letter regarding grant award of \$25,000
- B. Petco Foundation Grant Approval Email Notification
- C. Petco Foundation Grant Application
- D. Budget Journal Entry Number: BJE #0005155
- E. CEQA Notice of Exemption

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