



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: January 11, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
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: Acceptance of a Donation from Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation to the Santa Maria Animal Center Clinic

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) Accept and ratify an in-kind donation gift of an ultrasound machine valued at \$12,840.30 from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation for the medical diagnostics of animals that come into the shelter; and
- B) Approve budget revision request No. 0008030 (Attachment A) for the value of \$12,900 for the ultrasound machine, and
- C) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15301, since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment and the donation consists of minor alterations to an existing facility.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to accept a generous donation of an ultrasound machine from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation (SBCACF) organization. SBCACF raised funds to purchase an ultrasound machine to assist with the diagnosis and treatment of sick and injured animals under the care of veterinary staff at Santa Barbara County Animal Services.

Background:

SBCACF is a non-profit organization that supports Santa Barbara County Animal Services with facility upgrades, medical funding, foster homes, animal care, shelter volunteers and outreach to the community.

With an in-house ultrasound, staff and contract veterinarians will be able to rapidly diagnose sick and injured animals and monitor progress and response to treatment. This will also reduce the costs of diagnostic services at external veterinary clinics. Such costs are often covered by donations from nonprofit partners, whose funds can now be made available to assist other animals with veterinary needs.

SBCACF was awarded the funds for this ultrasound device through two grants by the Edwin and Jeanne Woods Family Foundation and Altrusa. Santa Barbara County Animal Services is extremely grateful for the many contributions and value added by the efforts of the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation. SBCACF is a truly valuable long-term partner providing great services and assistance each and every day.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis: Accepting the in-kind donation gift valued at \$12,840.30 from SBCACF does not affect mandates, service levels, or general fund contribution. The budget revision is necessary to record the ultrasound machine in the Animal Services budget by increasing the capital donations revenue account and increasing the capital asset expenditure account (Attachment A). A journal entry to recognize the donation in the county financial system will be processed after board approval. The ultrasound will reduce the time between diagnosis and treatment for sick or injured animals, as well as provide a valuable tool to monitor progress and treatment effectiveness.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments: Budget Revision Request (BJE #0008030)

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