



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:** June 4, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5 Vote Required

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**TO:**

**FROM:** Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
Director(s): Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Sarah Aguilar, Director of Animal Services  
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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a Grant Award from Petco Love to Santa Barbara County Animal Services in the Amount of \$15,000

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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:

- A) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department, or designee, to accept a grant award received by Santa Barbara County Animal Services in the amount of \$15,000 from Petco Love for any purpose that has a lifesaving impact for pets in the county; and
- B) Approve the Budget Revision Request (BJE Number 0009681) in the amount of \$15,000 for unanticipated revenue for use in the Animal Services FY 2023-24 budget; 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 for the Board to approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Director to accept a grant award from Petco Love in the amount of \$15,000 for the purposes that have a lifesaving impact for pets in the county. These grant funds will be used for veterinary care for lost pets that find

themselves in the care at Santa Barbara County Animal Shelters in support of reunification efforts of lost pets with their owners.

**Background:**

Petco Love is one of the nation’s largest funders of animal welfare, proudly investing in organizations doing life-saving work in their communities. Petco Love, a partnering non-profit animal welfare organization started in 1999 (as the Petco Foundation) has empowered communities across the country to save pet lives with more than \$30 million invested in local animal welfare partners during FY 2022-23 alone.

On July 21, 2023, Santa Barbara County Animal Services submitted a grant application to Petco Love describing that due to a continued increase in stray pets in the county, funding assistance by Petco Love would result in a significant positive investment in life-saving veterinary care and reunification efforts of lost pets with their owners in our county. This request today is for approval to receive grant funding awarded in the amount of \$15,000 subject to the conditions set forth in the grant application (Attachment A), and to approve a budget revision request to incorporate the funds into the FY 2023-24 Animal Services program budget (Attachment B).

The Public Health Department’s Animal Services program was also awarded grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 from the Petco Foundation accepted by this Board on July 18, 2017, as a generous local investment in adoption and medical care programs to support lifesaving efforts of pets.

The funds granted by Petco Love in the amount of \$15,000 may be used for any lifesaving purpose; but shall not supplant or replace existing government funding, and must be utilized and become an additional part of the funding of the animal control sheltering department. Santa Barbara County Animal Services is requesting to use these funds to provide additional veterinary care for lost pets that find themselves in the care of the agency to support reunification efforts of pets with their owners.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00

Accepting a grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from Petco Love does not impact mandates, service levels, or general fund contribution. A budget revision in the amount of \$15,000 is necessary to amend the adopted FY 2023-24 Animal Services program budget to reflect the unanticipated revenue. The grant funding has been received and deposited in Fund 0001. The funds will be used for veterinary care for lost pets that find themselves in the care of the agency to support reunification efforts of pets with their owners.

**Staffing Impacts:**

There will be no increase or decrease in ordinance staff.

**Special Instructions:**

Request the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the Minute Order to the Public Health Department, Attention: [PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org) when available.

**Attachments:**

- A. Petco Love Grant Application and Award Notification of \$15,000
- B. Budget Revision BJE Number 0009681

**Authored by:**

Sarah Aguilar, Director of Animal Services