



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: June 3, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mouhanad Hammami, Director, County Health Department
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SUBJECT: Amendment to California for All Animals Shelter Assistance Grant Agreement

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or Designee, to execute an amendment to revive the Shelter Services Agreement and extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2025 (Attachment A), as well as adjust the agreed upon project budget with no change to the total grant amount; and
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are creation of a governmental funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve 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 for the Board to authorize the County Health Director, or Designee, to execute an amendment to revive the previously accepted agreement related to a grant award of \$200,000 from The Regents of the University of California, administered on behalf of its Davis Campus School of Veterinary Medicine on behalf of its Koret Shelter Medicine Program. The grant funding was distributed 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 continue to be 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.

Discussion:

The grant award through the California for All Animals and accepted on April 2, 2024 outlined the purpose of the project: Santa Barbara County Animal Services will build relationships with social service providers, provide supplies and access to veterinary care for pets of unhoused community members, and will develop boarding and fostering options for families in crisis who need temporary housing for pets. The program pilot was to be completed by April 30, 2025.

Due to challenges with staffing, the planned funding spend is being shifted from Staffing \$145,000 and Project Administration \$55,000 to Staffing \$105,000 and Project Administration \$95,000. Additionally, two extra months have been provided for completion.

The recommended actions for your Board are to accept an amendment to revive the initial Agreement and extend the grant period through June 30, 2025, and adjusting the agreed upon project budget with no change to the total grant amount.

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 project 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.

On April 2, 2024, your Board authorized the acceptance of the grant award, enabling Santa Barbara County Animal Services to connect the 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 grant funds are 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 program has evaluated if barriers to service exist, and identified 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 is undertaking a multifaceted approach to address the unique challenges faced by homeless individuals and their pets, building bridges across human service programs.

The original term of the grant agreement was 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 were included beyond April 30, 2025, by the acceptance and execution of the original agreement.

Fiscal Analysis:

Authorizing the department to execute an amendment extending the grant end date from April 30, 2025 to June 30, 2025 with no change to the total grant amount will make it possible for County

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Health Animal Services to spend down the remaining grant amount in the current fiscal year, consistent with the FY 2024-25 County budget. No budget revision is required for this no cost grant extension.

Staffing Impacts:

No additional staffing is required to conduct the promotional adoption events.

Special Instructions:

Please email one Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A – First Amendment UCDPO00029491 to Shelter Services Agreement

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