



**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: October 14, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health Department
Contact: Sarah Aguilar, Animal Services Director
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Animal Services PetSmart Adoption Grant Awards

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 accept adoption grant awards received by the Santa Barbara County Animal Services in the amount of \$1,000 received on August 25, 2025 and \$300 received on August 28, 2025;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to accept future adoption grant awards for Santa Barbara County Animal Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$10,000 in FY 2026-27 from PetSmart Charities for participation in the Adoption Partners Program including the new Adopt Joy Events upon review and concurrence from County Counsel and Auditor-Controller, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- c) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to make any certifications and assurances that may be required by the grant agreements; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the recommended actions are organizational or administrative

activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board to approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of County Health, or designee, to accept two grant awards from PetSmart Charities in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$300 for participation in adoption events at local PetSmart stores through their Adoption Partners program, and to accept funds for future participation that are earned prior to June 30, 2027, in a cumulative amount that does not exceed \$10,000 for FY 2025-26 and \$10,000 for FY 2026-27. Approval of the recommended actions will allow SBCAS to continue its long-standing partnership with PetSmart Charities, ensure compliance with County fiscal and legal requirements, and maintain the flexibility necessary to accept future reward funds without delay.

Discussion:

Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) has participated in the PetSmart Charities Adoption Partners program since 2012 (Attachment A). This program provides funding to animal welfare organizations and municipalities that facilitate pet adoptions at PetSmart stores. Each adoption contributes toward a cumulative reward system, and as thresholds are met, PetSmart Charities issues payments to the Adoption Partner. These funds are intended to support ongoing adoption programming, reduce barriers to placement, and increase opportunities for pets to find permanent homes.

In August 2025, SBCAS received two adoption partner reward disbursements from PetSmart Charities: \$1,000 on August 25, 2025 (See Attachment B for Adoption Rewards grant details) and \$300 on August 28, 2025 (See Attachment C for Adopt Joy K9 Cash grant details). These funds recognize SBCAS's success in facilitating adoptions through PetSmart's in-store adoption program. In order to streamline the administrative process and ensure timely receipt of future funds, staff recommend the Board delegate authority to the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to accept additional adoption awards for a maximum, aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000 in FY 2025-26 and \$10,000 in FY 2026-27.

Grant funds received through this program will be used to offset the costs of adoption programming, support supplies and services needed for successful placements, and enhance SBCAS's ability to reduce shelter crowding by increasing live outcomes.

Background:

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is committed to making the world a better place for pets and all who love them. As the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, PetSmart Charities has granted more than \$500 million to support pets and their families through initiatives that help prevent pet homelessness and connect people and pets. Each year, millions of pets find loving homes through PetSmart Charities' in-store adoption program in PetSmart stores across the United States and Canada. PetSmart Charities also partners with thousands of nonprofit organizations and municipalities to expand access to affordable veterinary care, strengthen pet retention programs, and support communities through emergency relief, food distribution, and innovative programs that keep pets and people together.

The PetSmart Charities Adoption Rewards Program celebrates the efforts of adoption partners and creates more opportunities to facilitate adoptions throughout the year – ultimately finding more homes for pets in need. Rewards are paid once an Adoption Partner reaches a new reward threshold. Rewards are paid out on or around the 20th of the following month and are not cumulative. Each time a new funding threshold is reached, Adoption Partners will be paid the difference between the larger reward and the previous threshold reward payment.

SBCAS has been a PetSmart adoption partner since 2012.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approving, ratifying, and authorizing the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to accept PetSmart Charities adoption grant awards will allow County Health to continue receiving PetSmart Charities adoption rewards and bonuses.

No budget revision is needed because PetSmart Charities adoption rewards are already included in the FY 2025-26 County Health budget.

Fiscal Analysis:

PetSmart Charities adoption rewards are expected to be ongoing in nature, with thresholds resetting on February 1st of each year. The PetSmart Charities Adopt Joy K9 Cash Partner Bonus is expected to be one-time in nature for the period of July 2025 through January 2026. There are no staffing impacts associated with this item, and acceptance of these funds will have a positive fiscal impact by supplementing existing program resources.

Special Instructions:

Please email the minute order to the County Health, Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – PetSmart Adoption Partner Manual FY25-26

Attachment B – PetSmart Adoption Award Thresholds

Attachment C – Adopt Joy K9 Cash Grant Overview

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