



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

DATE: December 31, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tammy Wines-Jennings, Assistant Director, Regional Animal Services
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THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grant award from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® to Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") in the amount of [\$115,000.00; no County match] retroactive to December 17, 2024, to support construction of the dog enrichment play yard [Capital Improvement Project: PW920441] and community humane education; retroactively authorize the Director of Regional Animal Services to execute the Grant Agreement; approve cross-fund budget appropriation transfer in the total amount of [\$95,000] from the Animal Services Fund (205) to the Capital Improvement Fund (402) and, if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments, and net zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is requested). (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been awarded \$115,000.00 from the ASPCA® as part of their 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grants- Animal Psychological Health to support the construction of the dog enrichment play yard (\$95,000) and community humane education (\$20,000).

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Quality Public Service

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 22, 2024, the Board approved a new FY25 Capital Improvement Project - Washoe County Regional Animal Services Enriched Dog Yard; approved cross-fund budget appropriation to transfer the total amount of [\$150,000] for the Enriched Dog Yard Project, from the Animal Services Fund (205) to the Capital Improvement Fund (402) and directed the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary net zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is requested).

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Regional Animal Services (“WCRAS”) submitted a Capital Improvement Project (“CIP”) request, which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 22, 2024 [PW920441], to build an enrichment yard to support dogs that need to be in the shelter for extended periods of time. The enrichment yard will allow for dogs to exercise and utilize their sensory systems for physical and mental well-being. WCRAS applied for the ASPCA’s 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grant to help with funding the enrichment play yard. ASPCA® selected WCRAS to receive funding in the amount of [\$115,000] with [\$95,000] being used towards the enrichment play yard and the remaining [\$20,000] to be used towards community humane education.

ASPCA’s award of grant funds for the enrichment play yard will enable WCRAS to provide better care to dogs that have prolonged stays in the shelter.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name:	2024 SPCA Play Yard & Education
Scope of the Project:	Construction of the enrichment play yard & community humane education
Benefit to Washoe County Residents:	Animals in care will have their lives enriched by being able to exercise and utilize their sensory systems for physical and mental well-being.
On-Going Program Support:	This is one-time funding
Award Amount:	\$115,000.00
Grant Period:	N/A
Funding Source:	ASPCA®
Pass Through Entity:	N/A
CDFA Number:	N/A
Grant ID Number:	Non-Governmental Grant – No ID Number
Match Amount and Type:	No County match
Sub-Awards and Contracts:	None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the Animal Services Fund (205) FY25 adopted budget will be increased by \$20,000 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Fund	Cost Center/Project	G/L Account	Amount of Increase/(Decrease)
Animal Services Fund (205)/ Public Safety	IO29065 ASPCA	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$20,000
Animal Services Fund (205)/ Public Safety	IO29065 ASPCA	710312 – Special Dept. Expense	\$20,000

Funding supports the approved Animal Services Enrichment Play Yard capital project. As such, the Animal Services Fund (F205) and Capital Improvement Fund (F402) will need to be amended with the following cross-fund net-zero appropriation transfers:

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Animal Services Fund (205)/ Public Safety	IO29064 ASPCA	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$95,000
Animal Services Fund (205)/ Public Safety	IO29064 ASPCA	814092-Transfer to Public Works	\$95,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402) Public Safety	PW920441-Animal Services Enriched Dog Yard	781080-Construction Contracts	\$95,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402) Public Safety	PW920441-Animal Services Enriched Dog Yard	622005-Transfer from Animal Services	\$95,000

Note: Impact to the County budget is net-zero.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Recommendation to accept a 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grant award from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® to Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") in the amount of [\$115,000.00; no County match] retroactive to December 17, 2024, to support construction of the dog enrichment play yard [Capital Improvement Project: PW920441] and community humane education; retroactively authorize the Director of Regional Animal Services to execute the Grant Agreement; approve cross-fund budget appropriation transfer in the total amount of [\$95,000] from the Animal Services Fund (205) to the Capital Improvement Fund (402) and, if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments, and net zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is requested)."

Attachments:

Attachment A: Grant Award Notification

Attachment B: Grant Terms and Conditions