



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Karen Stark, Program Coordinator, Regional Animal Services
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THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$20,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020 to support a low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs of pet owners experiencing hardship due to COVID-19; authorize the Director of Washoe County Regional Animal Services [Shyanne Schull] to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been awarded \$20,000.00 from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA®), to cover expenses to support a low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs of pet owners experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of animal cruelty. The ASPCA® has been based in New York City since 1866. The organization's mission is "to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States."

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Relief and Recovery Initiative provides funding for animal welfare organizations whose programs, operations or fundraising capabilities have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many life-saving programs, such as spay/neuter services have been suspended across our region as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant funds will be used to support a low cost spay/neuter program in partnership with the SPCA of Northern Nevada.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant

Scope of the Project:

The grant will cover the following expenses:

- Spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats
- Spay and neuter surgical equipment (utensils, trays, drapes, gloves, gowns, etc.) and suture materials
- Any medications needed to perform surgery: anesthetic, oxygen, pain medications, and any other items directly associated with spay and neuter procedures
- Veterinary medical costs
- Support staff costs

Total: \$20,000.00

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: During the COVID-19 pandemic, many non-essential surgeries such as spay and neuter surgeries were suspended. This in turn can cause an increase in the number of unwanted litters of dogs and cats within Washoe County. This grant will allow Washoe County Regional Animal Services (WCRAS) to provide low cost spay and neuter services for dogs and cats belonging to Washoe County residents that have been experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which will decrease the number of unwanted animals that often end up in animal shelters.

On-Going Program Support: This grant is made possible thanks to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. There will be no County match.

Award Amount: \$20,000.00

Grant Period: June 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020

Funding Source: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA Number: N/A

Grant ID Number: 202005-27290

Match Amount and Type: No County match.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award, Washoe County Regional Animal Services' adopted FY 21 budget will be increased by \$20,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
<i>REVENUE</i>		
IO # 29009	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$20,000.00
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>		
IO # 29009	710347 - Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00
IO # 29009	710100 – Professional Services	\$15,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$20,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020 to support a low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs of pet owners experiencing hardship due to COVID-19; authorize the Director of Washoe County Regional Animal Services [Shyanne Schull] to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$20,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020 to support a low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs belonging to pet owners who are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19; authorize the Director of Washoe County Regional Animal Services [Shyanne Schull] to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.