



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 26, 2021

DATE: January 6, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tammy Wines-Jennings, Assistant Director, Washoe County Regional Animal Services 353-8945, twines-jennings@washoecounty.us

THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a supplemental Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$30,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 5, 2020 through March 31, 2021 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 ("WCRAS") has been awarded \$30,000.00 from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("ASPCA"®) in addition to the previous \$20,000.00 grant. This additional funding will help with continued support for the low- cost spay/neuter program as well as expand the outreach services and resources for pet owners experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

The ASPCA 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: Quality Public Service

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 5, 2020, WCRAS was awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the ASPCA, to cover expenses to support a low- cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs belonging to pet owners who have experienced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND

The ASPCA's Relief and Recovery Initiative provides funding for animal welfare organizations whose programs, operations or fundraising capabilities have been severely

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impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many life-saving programs, such as medical treatment for sick or injured animals and 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 medical treatment referral program for animals belonging to those who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, funds will be used for on-going support of our low - cost spay/neuter program in partnership with the SPCA of Northern Nevada.

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
- Support resources for pets entering HSA (Human Services Agency) facilities including medical procedures, vaccinations to keep pets in the community healthy, pet food, pet housing such as crates, bowls, bedding, etc.
- Veterinary medical care for at- risk pets, belonging to owners who have experienced hardship due to COVID-19

Total: \$30,000.00

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardships for some pet owners in Washoe County. Some pet owners are experiencing hardship in providing veterinary medical care and or spay and neuter services for their pets due to negative impacts of COVID-19. Additionally, those pet owners that are experiencing homelessness will benefit from the resources that will be provided with funding from this grant. These outreach services aim to support preventative and routine veterinary medical care in an effort to keep animals and families united as well as decreasing 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: \$30,000.00

Grant Period: June 5, 2020 through March 31, 2021

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 \$30,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
<i>REVENUE</i>		
IO # 29009	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$30,000.00
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>		
IO # 29009	710100 – Professional Services	\$10,000.00
IO # 29009	710300 - Operating Supplies	\$7,500.00
IO # 29009	710347 – Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00
IO # 29009	710400 – Payments to Other Agencies	\$7,500.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to accept an additional Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$30,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 5, 2020 through March 31, 2021 to support the low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs of pet owners experiencing hardship due to COVID-19; assistance with pet supplies or medical assistance for pets belonging to owners who are experiencing homelessness or 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 supplemental Grant Award from the ASPCA® in the amount of [\$30,000.00; no County match] retroactive from June 5, 2020 through March 31, 2021 to support the low cost spay/neuter program for cats and dogs belonging to pet owners who are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19; pet supplies or medical assistance for pets belonging to owners who are experiencing homelessness or 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.