



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

DATE: June 11, 2021

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 Grant Award from Maddie's Fund and Michelson Found Animals Foundation in the amount of [\$3,000.00; no County match] retroactive to June 1, 2021 to support lost animal reunification efforts with the acquisition of a personalized pet tag engraving machine; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been awarded \$3,000.00 from Maddie's Fund and Michelson Found Animals Foundation to expand their lost animal reunification efforts for dogs and cats. Funds offset the majority of the expenses of a personalized pet tag engraving machine, purchased for \$3,055.00.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

Regional Animal Services' reunification efforts aim to actively reunite pets with their owners both in the field and from the shelter. While we have a return to owner success rate of 48% (one of the best in the nation), WCRAS consistently embraces new methods to improve. We participated in the "No Place Like Home Challenge" sponsored by Maddie's Fund in March 2021 and were awarded the grant in recognition of our expanded program that now offers pet owners the ability to get a custom-engraved pet tag at our shelter. In addition to microchips and dog licenses, this personalized pet tag offers an additional tool to help reunite pets with their owners.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: No Place Like Home Challenge

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Scope of the Project: Expand reunification efforts by purchasing a pet tag engraving machine.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Increasing the odds of reuniting lost pets with their owners.

On-Going Program Support: This is one-time funding.

Award Amount: \$3,000.00

Grant Period: n/a

Funding Source: Maddie's Fund and Michelson Found Animals Foundation

Pass Through Entity: N/A

CFDA 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, Washoe County Regional Animal Services' adopted FY 22 budget will be increased as follows:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO # 29023	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$3,000.00
IO # 29023	711504 – Equipment non-capital	\$3,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from Maddie's Fund and Michelson Found Animals Foundation in the amount of [\$3,000.00; no County match] retroactive to June 1, 2021 to support lost animal reunification efforts with the acquisition of a pet tag engraving machine; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."