



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 17, 2023

DATE: September 25, 2023

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 Best Friends Animal Society in the amount of [\$15,000.00; no County match] retroactive to September 19, 2023 through June 30, 2024, to support the expansion and marketing of community-based microchip scanning stations; retroactively authorize the Director of Regional Animal Services to execute the Grant Agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been awarded \$15,000.00 from Best Friends Animal Society to support the expansion and marketing of community-based microchip scanning stations.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

Best Friends Animal Society recently reached out to Regional Animal Services offering grant funds to support our community-based microchip scanning stations. This program provides the opportunity for citizens who find a stray animal to bring the animal to a designated location with a scanning station to check for a microchip without having to bring the animal to the shelter or request an officer pick up the animal.

Currently, there are 9 scanning station locations around Washoe County, including all Pet Station stores and Options Veterinary Care.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Best Friends Animal Society (BFAS) Return to Owner Program

Scope of the Project: Market and expand the organization’s Return to Owner (RTO) community-based microchip scanning station program

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Facilitating the return of stray animals to their owners and reducing the number of animals brought to the shelter

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

Award Amount: \$15,000.00

Grant Period: n/a

Funding Source: Best Friends Animal Society

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 FY24 budget will be increased as follows:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
IO # 29047	484195 – Non-Governmental Grants	\$ 15,000.00
IO # 29047	710300 – Operating Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
IO # 29047	710546 – Advertising	\$ 10,000.00

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 Best Friends Animal Society in the amount of [\$15,000.00; no County match] retroactive to September 19, 2023 through June 30, 2024, to support the expansion and marketing of community-based microchip scanning stations; retroactively authorize the Director of Regional Animal Services to execute the Grant Agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."