



# CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



**March 19, 2024**

## ITEM TITLE

Grant Award and Donation Appropriation: Accept the California for All Animals Grant to Provide Public Spay/Neuter Services, and the Ethel Chisholm Keyes Trust Donation and Appropriate Funds

**Report Number:** 24-0096

**Location:** No specific geographic location

**Department:** Animal Services

**G.C. § 84308:** No

**Environmental Notice:** The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

## Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution 1) accepting \$52,500 in grant funds from the California for All Animals to provide public spay/neuter services and preventative vaccinations to the community; and 2) accepting a \$100,000 donation from the Ethel Chisholm Keyes Trust and appropriating funds for these purposes. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

## SUMMARY

The Animal Care Facility has received a grant award from California for All Animals in the amount of \$52,500 to provide spay/neuter services and preventative vaccinations to community owned dogs and cats. The Animal Care Facility has received a generous donation from Ethel Chisholm Keyes Trust in the amount of \$100,000. Staff requests that grant funds totaling \$52,500 be appropriated to the Other Expenses category in the Other Grants Fund and that donation funds totaling \$100,000 be appropriate to the Other Expenses category in the Animal Care Facility Donations Fund.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposed activity consists of a governmental fiscal/administrative activity which does not result in a physical change in the environment. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Animal Care Facility has received a grant award from California for All Animals in the amount of \$52,500 to provide spay/neuter and preventative vaccination services to community-owned dogs and cats. The purpose of this grant is to reduce the population of dogs and cats due to unintentional litters which are increasing the population of animals seen in the animal shelter. Preventative vaccinations will reduce the number of animals experiencing preventable and costly diseases. The animal shelter has seen an increase in the relinquished and stray dog population since 2021, in part due to a reduction in spay/neuter services during COVID coupled with increases in the cost of veterinary services. Rising costs in veterinary care and decreases in disposable income have resulted in a decrease in pet owners' ability to spay or neuter their animals, resulting in increased unexpected litters and increases in preventable diseases which are expensive to treat. Staff requests that \$52,500 be appropriated to the Other Expenses category in the Other Grants Fund; this appropriation is fully offset by grant revenues.

The Animal Care Facility has also received a donation from the Ethel Chisholm Keyes Trust in support of the mission and work of Chula Vista Animal Services. Staff requests that \$100,000 be appropriated to the Other Expenses category in the Animal Care Facility Donations Fund; the appropriation is fully offset by donation revenues.

## **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

## **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of the resolution accepts a grant award from California for All Animals in the amount of \$52,500 and amends the fiscal year 2023-24 budget by appropriating \$52,500 to the Other Expenses category in the Other Grants Fund. Approval of the resolution also accepts a donation from Ethel Chisholm Keyes Trust in the amount of \$100,000 and amends the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget by appropriating \$100,000 to the Other Expenses category in the Animal Care Facility Donations Fund.

## **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as a result of accepting these grant funds.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Shelter Services Agreement
2. Donation Letter

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