



# CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



August 13, 2024

## ITEM TITLE

Grant Award and Appropriation: Accept Grant Funds from California for All Animals via UC Davis and Appropriate the Funds

**Report Number:** 24-0220

**Location:** No specific geographic location

**Department:** Animal Care

**G.C. § 84308:** No

**Environmental Notice:** This 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 accepting \$50,700 in grant funds from California for All Animals via UC Davis to provide reclaim fee assistance, pet tags, and collars for every dog and to increase marketing to raise awareness for City of Chula Vista Animal Services, amending the fiscal year 2024/25 budget, and appropriating funds for that purpose. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

## SUMMARY

Chula Vista Animal Services has received a grant award from California for All Animals via UC Davis in the amount of \$50,700 to provide financial assistance to families reclaiming their pets, purchase a tag engraver and supplies to provide every adopted and reclaimed dog a pre-engraved tag, and increase marketing to increase awareness of the City of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. Staff requests that grant funds totaling \$50,700 be appropriated to the Other Expenses category in the Other Grants 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**

California for All Animals via UC Davis has awarded Chula Vista Animal Services (CVAS) \$50,700. This award will provide thirty thousand dollars financial assistance to families reclaiming their pets. Reclamation rates for dogs entering the shelter have declined from 39% 2022 to 34% 2023 with pet owners citing the cost of reclaiming their pet a factor in deciding to reclaim or leave a pet. Rates typically range from \$235-\$575 when reclaiming a pet. The grant also provides the CVAS funds to purchasing a license engraver, tags and collars with the goal of decreasing the number of dogs entering the shelter by allowing those that encounter a lost dog to return them directly to the owner, forgoing the need to bring the dog to the shelter. Finally, this grant identified funds for marketing CVAS to help increase overall awareness that Chula Vista has an animal shelter. Staff has found that residents living within Chula Vista or the three cities (National City, Imperial Beach and Lemon Grove) are not aware that City of Chula Vista has an animal shelter and often seek lost or adoptive pets at San Diego Humane Society.

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### **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 the 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 via UC Davis in the amount of \$50,700 amending the fiscal year 2025 budget by appropriating \$50,700 to the Other Expenses category in the Other Grants Fund.

### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding from California for All Animals via UC Davis will completely offset these costs, there is no ongoing fiscal impact as a result of accepting these grant funds.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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