

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 28, 2022

FROM

JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

Grant Award from the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant and Donation from Animals aRe First Fund

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Accept and approve grant award (**County Contract No. 22-543**) from the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant to support the San Bernardino County spay/neuter voucher program for residents in unincorporated areas, in the amount of \$7,500, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
2. Designate the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to accept any subsequent non-substantive amendments to the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant award on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of the Department of Public Health to transmit all non-substantive amendments in relation to the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant award to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.
4. Accept a donation from the Animals aRe First Fund, in the amount of \$7,500, for vouchers to reduce the cost of spaying or neutering dogs for residents in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

(Presenter: Joshua Dugas, Director, 387-9146)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The grant award in the amount of \$7,500 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant funding does not require a local match, only that the award supplement, and not replace, existing funding. Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF) has committed to donating \$7,500. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) 2022-23 budget.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DPH Animal Care and Control (ACC) offers a public spay/neuter voucher program to residents in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Vouchers are redeemable for \$25 for public cat spay/neuter procedures and \$50 for public dog spay/neuter procedures at over 30 participating local veterinary clinics. The San Bernardino County spay/neuter voucher program is currently funded at an annual rate of \$180,000 and 1,970 dog and cat spay/neuter vouchers were issued in 2020-21. ACC will utilize the grant award from CDFA and donation from ARFF to provide an additional 300 spay/neuter vouchers valued at \$50.00 for dogs owned by residents redeemable at clinics participating in the San Bernardino County spay/neuter voucher program.

On February 17, 2022, the County Administrative Office authorized the submission of the grant application to CDFA for the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant, in the amount of \$7,500, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. If awarded the CDFA funding, ARFF agreed to match the award by donating \$7,500 to further support the spay/neuter voucher program.

On April 20, 2022, DPH received the grant award notice from CDFA for the 2022 Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant, in the amount of \$7,500, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Daniel Pasek, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 8, 2022; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on June 8, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on June 14, 2022.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Janice Rutherford Seconded: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Joe Baca, Jr.
Absent: Curt Hagman

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: June 28, 2022



cc: PH- Cronin w/agree
Contractor- C/O PH w/agree
File- w/agree w/attach
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