

2. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the Shelter Services Grant Agreement, the Services Agreement with Animal Balance, a California Public Benefit Nonprofit Corporation and all related documents, for the California For All Animals Shelter Assistance Program Sniptember Grant.

3. ***RESOLUTION - Adopt the 23rd Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2023-185 appropriating \$182,200 for the Animal Center from the California for All Animals Shelter Assistant Program Sniptember Grant (requires five affirmative votes) (subject to Mayor's Veto).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approves all actions related to the acceptance of the California for All Animals Shelter Assistance Program Sniptember Grant for the Fresno Animal Center.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September of 2022, the University of California, Davis Campus, Koret Shelter Program with funding from the California for All Animals Shelter Assistance Program, awarded the City's animal control services provider, Fresno Humane Animal Services (FHAS), a grant totaling \$443,000 to partner with Animal Balance, a California Public Benefit Nonprofit Corporation, to expand spay and neuter capacity in Fresno. In April of 2023, FHAS notified the City of Fresno of its intent to not renew the operating agreement. Through the approval of these actions, Council will authorize the acceptance of the \$182,200 in remaining unspent grant funds to the City of Fresno Animal Center previously awarded to Fresno Humane Animal Services.

BACKGROUND

Due to the severity of the Veterinary staff shortage being experienced in the nation, in September of 2022 the University of California, Davis Campus, Koret Shelter Program with funding from the California for All Animals Shelter Assistance Program, awarded the City of Fresno's operator, Fresno Humane Animal Services a total of \$443,000 in grant funds to expand spay/neuter capacity with Animal Balance, a global non-governmental organization whose mission is to partner with communities to create sustainable and humane non-human animal management programs. Over the last seven months, Animal Balance has conducted five 3-day clinics at the Fresno Animal Center, staffed by California Licensed Veterinarians and veterinary staff from various states in the Country, and with the help of volunteers and animal center staff has altered nearly 1,000 animals including community feral cats managed by local non-profits.

In April of 2023, FHAS notified the City of Fresno of its intent to not renew the animal control services agreement. Through the approval of these actions, the remaining unspent balance of \$182,200 in grant funds will be reallocated from the operator, FHAS, to the new City of Fresno Animal Center Department. The remaining funding is scheduled to sunset in April 2024 and alter an additional 1,000 animals in the community.

Approval of these actions will allow Animal Balance to continue providing spay and neuter services for the animals at the center and feral cat colonies in the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

Local preference was not considered because accepting grant funds does not include a bid or award of a construction or service contract.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

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FISCAL IMPACT

The acceptance of the grant does not generate an impact to the General Fund.

Attachments:

Agreement: Shelter Services Agreement with KSMP

Agreement: Services Agreement with Animal Balance

Resolution: 23rd Amendment to Annual Appropriations Resolution No. 202-185