

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 08/04/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0504

LOG NAME: 23MULTIPLE ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS

SUBJECT

Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, Pet Focused Organizations Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 to Support Animal Welfare Programs, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreements, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, pet focused organizations funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to support the City's Animal Welfare Programs;
 2. Authorize execution of related grant agreements with various pet focused organizations; and
 3. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
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DISCUSSION:

The City's animal shelter seeks out small funding opportunities of various dollar amounts from pet focused organizations to offset costs associated with animal welfare for the benefit of Fort Worth animal shelter pets. These costs range from medical services such as vaccinations and sterilization options to educational programs like responsible pet ownership and post adoption training. These programs are facilitated by the Animal Welfare Division of the Code Compliance Department.

Many of these grants are announced with a very short timeline for the City to submit an application, and there may not be adequate time to obtain approval of an individual M&C before the grant application deadline. In those cases, the City may have to forfeit available grant funds. Furthermore, approval of multiple grants streamlines the administrative process when there are many grants each year.

The grant funds will be made available by the Grantor after both Grantor and the City have signed a Grant Agreement. No budget will be set up for any activity until after a grant award has been received. Indirect costs are not applicable.

In the interest of efficiency, the Code Compliance Department is requesting approval of this M&C to facilitate a more expedient turnaround of application and grant or agreement documents.

The grants will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached Appropriation Ordinance, funds will be available in the current budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Other Fund. Some grants may be on a reimbursement basis while other grants will be paid out in advance. The Code Compliance Department is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Code Compliance Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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