

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 12/17/19

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 19-0399

LOG NAME: 23PETSMART ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS

SUBJECT

Authorize Application for and, if Awarded, Acceptance and Execution of Related Grant Contracts for Multiple Grants from PetSmart Charities, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 to Support Animal Welfare Programs Including Pet Adoption Events, Waive Indirect Costs and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and, if awarded, the acceptance and execution of related grant contracts for multiple grants from PetSmart Charities, Inc., in an amount not to cumulatively exceed \$200,000.00 to pay expenses generated from animal welfare programs and pet adoption events;
 2. Waive the imposition of any indirect costs; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated 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 of Fort Worth enjoys a productive relationship with PetSmart Charities, Inc., that includes working together to promote animal welfare through numerous special initiatives for the benefit of Fort Worth animal shelter pets. In addition, the ongoing partnership supports two satellite adoption centers at PetSmart retail stores and periodically there are special adoption or other promotional events held at these stores or other locations in Fort Worth. These events are typically facilitated by the Animal Care and Control Division of the Code Compliance Department with an Agreement that PetSmart Charities, Inc. will reimburse the City for costs associated with the event. These costs can include marketing, promotion and purchase (or rental) of event equipment and supplies.

While these grants do not cover indirect costs, they do not require a cash match from the city.

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.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of grant(s), and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grant Operating Other Fund. The grant funds will be made available by the Grantor after both Grantor and the City have signed a Grant agreement.

These grants typically pay on an advance basis, but in some cases, payment on a reimbursement basis may be a possibility.

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