



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
JUNE 14, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager  
Subject: Donation to the Animal Shelter from the U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a grant from the U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to Animal Care Services in the sum of \$5,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

A grant in the amount of \$5,000 from The U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to Animal Services will be used for off-site veterinary care and be deposited in the Animal Services Donation Fund. Animal Services spends approximately \$20,000 annually for off-site veterinary care and a \$5,000 donation will subsidize 25% of this expense.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) houses and cares for approximately 1,100 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year. Many animals arrive needing veterinary care related to injury or advanced disease processes. Animal Services strives to treat all sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption and uses several local veterinary clinics to provide services that cannot be provided at the shelter such as X-rays, ultrasounds and specialized surgeries. Providing this care is critical to maintaining a high live release rate and low euthanasia rate for shelter animals.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the state of California enacted legislation that includes \$45 million in support for a statewide Animal Shelter Assistance Program. The five-year initiative administered by the Koret Shelter Medicine Program at UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health will provide critical funding for shelters. The first round of funding was recently made available in the form of a \$5000 Welcome Grant. This initial grant may be used by each shelter as best fits their respective needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACT

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Animal Services must provide essential veterinary care to shelter animals in order to maintain a high live release rate. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 will subsidize 25% of the amount Animal Services spends on off-site veterinary care annually.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City were not to accept the \$5,000 grant from the U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program, Animal Services would need to use a comparable amount from the Animal Services Donation Fund.

CONTACT PERSON

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RESOLUTION NO. XX,XXX-N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO BERKELEY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES FROM THE U.C. DAVIS KORET SHELTER MEDICINE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000

WHEREAS, the U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program has named Berkley Animal Care Services (BACS) as a recipient of a gift; and

WHEREAS, BACS houses and cares for approximately 1,100 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year; and

WHEREAS, the shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption, and donations are often used to cover these veterinary bills; and

WHEREAS, the donation in the sum of \$5,000 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council accepts a donation to Berkeley Animal Care Services from the U.C. Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program in the amount of \$5,000.

