



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
MAY 7, 2024

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: Contract No. 117569-1 Amendment: Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) for Spay and Neuter Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 117569-1 with Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners and shelter animals for FY 2024, increasing the contract amount by \$25,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$127,218.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The “Spay Neuter Your Pet” (SNYP) grant comes from the General Fund and is a community agency allocation that is given by Animal Services each year. The SNYP program provided \$23,812 to Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) for FY 2018, \$11,906 for FY 2021, \$14,000 for FY 2022, \$17,500 for FY 2023, \$35,000 for FY 2024 for a total of \$102,218. Staff proposes to award the amount of \$25,000 to Animal Fix Clinic for the remaining of FY 2024, for a new total amount not to exceed \$127,218. The funds are in the FY 2024 General Budget currently.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There are currently not enough funds in current NTE to provide the needed surgeries for the remaining FY 2024. Animal Fix Clinic has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners since FY 2018. In addition, Animal Fix Clinic has been providing spay and neuter surgeries to shelter animals due to lack of a full-time veterinarian at the shelter. By providing no-cost spay and neuter surgeries, Animal Fix Clinic decreases the number of unwanted pet offspring and reduces the number of homeless animals entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

BACKGROUND

Many low-income pet owners would like to access spay and neuter services for their pets but are unable to afford the cost of surgery through local veterinary clinics. Animal Fix Clinic consistently works with low-income pet owners and is able to reach out to eligible pet owners whose animals need spay and neuter surgeries. The SNYP program

provides free spay or neuter surgeries, decreasing unwanted pet litters. In addition, Berkeley Animal Care Services does not have a full-time veterinarian, and without the assistance of Animal Fix Clinic, the wait for surgeries would lead to longer lengths of strays and higher risks of the unnecessary euthanasia of shelter animals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Animal Fix Clinic is well equipped and capable of providing the services listed in the Scope of Service. If this funding is not authorized, it would prevent dozens of animals belonging to low-income pet owners from being spayed or neutered at no cost to the owner.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative to providing free spay and neuter surgeries to low-income residents is to refer them to low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the surrounding area. Prices in these clinics range from \$150 to more than \$1,000 and waiting lists for appointments are four months which is prohibitive to many pet owners.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 117569-1 AMENDMENT: ANIMAL FIX CLINIC (FORMERLY FIX OUR FERALS) TO PROVIDE NO-COST SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES TO ELIGIBLE PET OWNERS FOR FY 2024, WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$127,218

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley SNYP program funds no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible low-income pet owners and shelter animals; and

WHEREAS, The Animal Fix Clinic is able to reach eligible low-income pet owners, and to provide no-cost spay and neuter services; and

WHEREAS, The 'Spay Neuter Your Pet' (SNYP) grant comes from the General Fund and is a community agency allocation that is given by Animal Services each year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute Contract No. 117569-1, and any necessary amendments, with Animal Fix Clinic for spay and neuter services for FY 2024, increasing the amount of the contract by \$25,000 for a new Not-to-exceed total of \$127,218.

