



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 16, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Erin Steffen, Assistant to the City Manager  
 Subject: Amendment to Contract No. 108410-1: Paw Fund for Spay and Neuter Services

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 108410-1 with Paw Fund allocating \$11,906 to provide no cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners for FY 2021, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$107,154.

#### 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 Paw Fund for FY 2016, \$23,812 for FY 2017, \$23,812 for FY 2019 and \$23,812 for FY 2020 for a total of \$95,248. In FY 2021 the amount of \$11,906 will be awarded to Paw Fund for an amount not to exceed \$107,154.

This General Fund allocation is subject to Council Approval of the FY2021 Budget and the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

#### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The current contract between the City of Berkeley and Paw Fund will expire on June 30, 2020. Paw Fund has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners since FY 2016. By providing no cost spay and neuter surgeries, Paw Fund decreases the number of unwanted pet offspring and reduces the number of homeless animals entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter. A second contractor, Fix Our Ferals, has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no cost spay neuter and surgeries to eligible pet owners since 2017. The FY 2021 SNYP grant will be divided equally between these two community-based organizations.

#### 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. Paw

Fund 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 for 198 free spay or neuter surgeries each year which decreases unwanted litters of pets and decreases the number of unwanted pets entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Paw Fund is well equipped and capable of providing the services under the SNYP program. If this funding is not authorized, it would prevent 99 animals belonging to low income pet owners from being spay 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 \$75 to \$200 which is prohibitive to many pet owners

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 108410-1: PAW FUND FOR SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Paw Fund 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 an amendment to Contract No. 108410-1, allocating \$11,906 to provide no cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners for FY 2021, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$107,154.

