



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
JULY 28, 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: Grant to Animal Services from the Avast Foundation

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a grant for Animal Services from the Avast Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

A grant in the amount of \$10,000 awarded by Avast Foundation to Animal Services will be used for emergency/urgent veterinary care and be deposited and expensed from the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditure Fund. The appropriation of the grant funds will be included in the First Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. Animal Services spends approximately \$20,000 annually on emergency/urgent veterinary care and a \$10,000 grant will subsidize 50% of this expense.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Berkeley Animal Care Services houses and cares for approximately 1400 stray, surrendered and abandoned domestic animals each year. Many animals arrive needing emergency or urgent care for injuries or advanced disease processes. Animal Care Services strives to treat all sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption and uses two Berkeley based veterinary clinics to provide such care. Emergency veterinary care is specialized and higher in cost than routine veterinary care, presenting ongoing financial challenges. However, providing emergency and urgent veterinary care is critical to maintaining a high live release rate and low euthanasia rate for shelter animals.

BACKGROUND

An Avast Foundation program, "Together with Employees 2020" allows Avast employees to nominate community agencies with which they volunteer to receive financial grants in support of their work. Berkeley Animal Care Services was nominated through this program and awarded \$10,000 to provide 'Emergency Veterinary Procedures and Surgeries' over a twelve-month period.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Berkeley Animal Care Services must provide emergency/urgent veterinary care to shelter animals in order to maintain a high live release rate. A grant in the amount of \$10,000 will subsidize 50% of the amount that Animal Care Services spends annually on this care.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If the City were not to accept the \$10,000 Avast grant, Animal Care Services would need to use a comparable amount from the Animal Services Donation Fund for emergency veterinary care.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

CONTACT PERSON

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RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

ACCEPTING A GRANT FOR ANIMAL SERVICES FROM THE AVAST FOUNDATION  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

WHEREAS, The Avast Foundation has awarded Berkeley Animal Care Services a grant; and

WHEREAS, Animal Care Services houses and cares for approximately 1400 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year; and

WHEREAS, many of the animals that come to Berkeley Animal Care Services are in need of emergency or urgent veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, Animal Care Services treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption in order to avoid euthanasia and successfully rehome animals; and

WHEREAS, the donation in the sum of \$10,000 will be deposited in the One-Time Grant: No Capital Expenditures Fund and appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council accepts a grant to Animal Services from the Avast Foundation the amount of \$10,000.

