



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

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Subject: Scholarship from the American Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) to attend the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Animal Care Expo

INTRODUCTION

BACS has received a scholarship from the ASPCA to pay for one person to attend the HSUS Animal Care Expo in Nashville Tennessee, in May 2013. The grant provides \$500 in travel expenses to and from Nashville as well as complimentary hotel and conference registration. The Expo is held once a year and is attended by staff and volunteers in the animal care fields from all over the nation. Topics range from animal adoptions strategies to increasing spay and neuter in your community. BACS will be sending a member of staff to learn the most current animal sheltering information and report back on innovative and progressive programs for animal shelters.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

BACS does not have the funds in the budget to cover the cost of sending a staff member to the HSUS Expo. This scholarship means that a staff member can attend thus ensuring that BACS can keep up with ever changing field of animal services. The scholarship of \$500 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 421-0704-331.81-06. The scholarship will be officially appropriated in the Second Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance.

BACKGROUND

ASPCA President Ed Sayres created an HSUS EXPO scholarship and dedicated it to Julie Morris, long-time Senior VP of Community Outreach for her work on behalf of animal sheltering and homeless animals. The goal of the scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to recipients throughout the country who either have not attended HSUS EXPO in the past or would be unable financially to attend.

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