



CONSENT CALENDAR

City of San Bernardino Request for Council Action

Date: December 4, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rochelle Clayton, Acting City Manager;
Jasmine Glover-McNamara, Deputy Director of Animal Services

Department: Animal Services

Subject: **Accept Grant Funds from Best Friends Animal Society**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, California, adopt Resolution No. 2024-228:

1. Authorizing the City Manager to accept grant funds from Best Friends Animal Society; and
2. Authorizing the Director of Finance and Management Services to amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget to appropriate \$2,000 in both revenues and expenditures for animal shelter programs and services.

Executive Summary

On September 13th, 2024, Best Friends Animal Society issued unrestricted grant funding in the amount of \$2,000 to the Department of Animal Services. The Department intends to utilize the funding to support enrichment programs, playgroups, volunteers and foster programs. These donated funds will help cover the cost of supplies for crucial animal shelter programs and services.

Background

On August 10th, 2024, Best Friends Animal Society invited local animal welfare leaders to attend the Best Friends Los Angeles Network Partner Summit. Animal Services Director, Kristine Watson, attended the event where an unrestricted grant opportunity was provided to all attendees.

Discussion

Acceptance of this grant requires the Department to continue submitting monthly data to Shelter Pet Data Alliance and provide Best Friends Animal Society with an itemized accounting of how these funds are spent. The performance period for this grant ends

on March 31, 2025.

The grant funding of \$2,000.00 will be used by the Department to purchase items as needed to conduct playgroups at the shelter and to support adoption programs. These items may include martingale collars, leashes, toys, muzzles, E-Z Up's, spray bottles, storage bins, adopt me vests, backdrops for photos, and/or shelving for storage. The initiative to support playgroups and adoption programs align with Best Friends Animal Society mission to save more lives. Best Friends Animal Society has provided previous grant funding to the Department for foster, volunteer and rescue programs to support the expansion of these crucial programs and services. As a partnered organization with Best Friends Animal Society, the Department is eligible for ongoing grant opportunities that support lifesaving programs to increase the Department's save rate.

2021-2025 Strategic Targets and Goals

The acceptance of this grant is consistent with Key Target No. 1: Improved Operational & Financial Capacity, through the opportunity for increased grant funding which will allow the Department to maintain animal shelter programs and services. The acceptance of this grant also aligns with Key Target No. 3: Improved Quality of Life through community involvement by allowing community members to volunteer for shelter programs. These programs give the Department an opportunity to educate and engage the community, building trust and increasing awareness.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund for this item. The FY 2024/25 Operating Budget will be amended by \$2,000 in grant funding for both revenue and expenditures.

Conclusion

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Attachments

Attachment 1 - Best Friends Animal Society Grant Agreement

Attachment 2 - Resolution No. 2024-228

Ward:

All Wards

Synopsis of Previous Council Actions:

On September 18th, 2024, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-202, authorizing the Department of Animal Services to accept grant funding in the

amount of 25,000 from Best Friends Animal Society.

On November 17th, 2021, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-270, authorizing the Director of Finance to amend the FY 2021/22 budget to transfer \$1,500 from the Animal Services Best Friends Revenue Fund to the Animal Services Best Friends Expense account for the purchase of volunteer tracking software for the Department.

On May 19th, 2021, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-102, accepting a grant award in the amount of \$45,000 from Best Friends Animal Society for Animal Shelter Programs and Services.