



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2024 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Ratify and approve the submission of a grant application to Petco Love

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve the electronic submission of an online Animal Welfare Organization grant application to Petco Love, retroactive from July 19, 2024. The grant application is retroactive due to the short application period needed to complete the application along with the supporting documents.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the grant application as of July 19, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to approve the grant application on that date.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Animal Services opened in 2001. Since opening, Animal Services has worked diligently to increase its live release rates and assist the community with their owned pets. Their new Spay and Neuter Clinic opened up in the fall of 2021. Animal Services is requesting ratification of the submittal for an electronic grant application to Petco Love for their Animal Welfare Organization (AWO) grant. The Grant cycle is from June 1 through July 31. Animal Services completed the application, which the Animal Services Division Manager reviewed and the current budget information was attached to the application. The grant application was submitted on July 19, 2024, with notice of award to be announced by May 2025. If awarded funding, Animal Services will return to the Board at that time with a request to accept funding and the terms and conditions of the Petco Love AWO Grant subject to review by County Counsel.

Animal shelters are encouraged to apply yearly for grant funding to assist with any

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lifesaving purposes. In return, Tulare County Animal Services completes its Annual Data Report with Petco Love to stay eligible for grant awards. The Tulare County Animal Services received an award amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. It is estimated that the award amount for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 will be similar. The award amount will depend on the number of applicants and funding availability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

If awarded, the grant expenditures will be added to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness. By ratifying the submission of this grant through Petco Love, Animal Services will be able to assist in more lifesaving programs both at their shelter and their spay/neuter clinic if their application is awarded funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert C. Stewart

Robert C. Stewart

Director of Fiscal Operations

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Application