



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Community Development Director

AGENDA DATE: December 3, 2024

TITLE: ACCEPT DONATION OF \$125,000.00 FROM UNITED ACTIVISTS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS FOR PROVIDING SPAY-NEUTER SERVICES FOR MEDIUM- AND LARGE-SIZED DOGS (REPORT OF: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

TITLE SUMMARY: Accept a donation of \$125,000.00 from United Activists for Animal Rights for providing spay-neuter services for medium- and large-sized dogs.

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council:

1. Receive and accept a donation of \$125,000.00 from the United Activists for Animal Rights, a non-profit organization, for the purpose of providing spay-neuter surgeries for medium- and large-size dogs.
2. Authorize a budget adjustment as set forth in the Fiscal Impact section of this report.

SUMMARY

This report recommends acceptance of a donation from the United Activists for Animal Rights, administered by Nancy Burnet, President of the non-profit organization, for the purpose of providing much needed spay and neuter services for medium- to large-sized dogs in accordance with the terms of the donation.

DISCUSSION

The United Activists for Animal Rights is administered by Nancy Burnet, President, who has for many years worked closely with the late Bob Barker, long-time celebrity host of the Price is Right. Throughout many years together, Ms. Burnet and Mr. Barker have provided generous donations to many programs aimed to reduce unwanted litters of dog and cats within many communities throughout the Inland Empire and beyond. They have been instrumental in helping launch the services provided by Donkeyland, a non-profit burro sanctuary, that helps many of the injured and orphaned burros that often migrate into Moreno Valley.

This donation is restricted to be used only by the Animal Services Division to provide subsidized and, in certain circumstance, no-cost spays and neuter surgeries, only for medium- (30–59 pounds) and large-sized dogs (60–100+ pounds) for homeless and low-income pet owners. There is no limit per household and no breeders are allowed to participate. Fifty percent (50%) of the funds are to be used for medium-sized dogs and 50% for large dogs. In addition to excluding breeders, use of the funds also excludes dogs adopted from animal shelters, rescue transfers, and foster programs. Funds may not go towards the City's General Fund or to administration fees.

Subsidized spay-neuter vouchers with no set co-pays are to be used at participating local veterinarians including spay-neuter surgeries performed at the Moreno Valley Animal Clinic with our veterinary services contractor, Moreno Valley Community Vet Care.

No matching funds are required of this donation, thereby having no impact on the General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept the donation of \$125,000.00. ***Staff recommends this alternative as it will have a positive impact on the community by reducing unwanted litters of dogs.***
2. Do not accept the donation totaling \$125,000.00. ***Staff does not recommend this alternative.***

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional impact projected for the General Fund.

In accordance with the terms of the donation, the Animal Shelter shall provide much-needed spay-neuter services for medium- and large-sized dogs.

Veterinary spay-neuter contract costs for qualifying procedures will be fully offset through cost recovery in accordance with the terms of the donation. Services will be handled on an as-needed basis, consequently the below budget recommendations are projections.

Future budget adjustments, if needed, will be estimated and completed through year-end

budget carryover or quarterly budget adjustments to allow for projected expenditure and revenue levels through FY25/26.

General Ledger Project Numbers to be included in the budget adjustment will be created and assigned with the finalization of the Program development.

Description	Fund	GL Account Project Number	Type	FY24/25 Amended Budget	FY24/25 Proposed Adjustment	FY24/25 Revised Budget
Donations	General Fund	1010-20-38-18210-580200	REV	\$4,000	\$125,000	\$129,000
Professional Services – Veterinary Svcs	General Fund	1010-20-38-18210-620250	EXP	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000

NOTIFICATION

Publication of the Agenda.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Revenue Diversification and Preservation: Develop a variety of City revenue sources and policies to create a stable revenue base and fiscal policies to support essential City services, regardless of economic climate.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Economic Development
2. Public Safety
3. Library
4. Infrastructure
5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life
6. Youth Programs

Objective 2.11: Protect people and property against animal related injury and nuisance through enforcement of local and state animal welfare laws and ordinances.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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