



CHURCHILL COUNTY AGENDA REPORT

Date Submitted: July 16, 2021

Meeting Date Requested: August 18, 2021

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Diane Woods, Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG)
Subject Title: Consideration and possible action re: Request for Funding in the Amount of \$3,000 for the Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG)

Type of Action Requested:
Action

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement?
No.

Recommend Board Action: Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$3,000 to support the Fallon Animal Welfare Group.

Discussion: The Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG) is a non-profit organization formed in 2010 with programs in place to help stop the overpopulation of unwanted cats and kittens. FAWG and its all-volunteer members help tackle a problem in our community that others don't want to deal with. Churchill County has thousands of feral cats, many of which are poisoned, tortured, shot, or drown. FAWG helps stop the overpopulation of unwanted cats and kittens through its programs like the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to effectively and humanely control the homeless cat population. The TNR program helps use the ability of the cats to get them "jobs" as barn cats.

Unlike other organizations and groups, FAWG operates solely with unpaid volunteers, who donate their time and gas money driving cats/kittens to Carson or Reno for vet visits, fostering kittens, opening their homes, fundraising, helping place barn cats at farms where owners need help with rodent problems, and they offer pet grooming services to assist senior citizens with their pets' needs.

FAWG differs greatly from CAPS no-kill shelter facility for dogs and cats. Although CAPS offers a spay-neuter assistance program (SNAP) to help low-income families with the cost of neutering their pets, SNAP does not assist with neutering barn cats, feral cats, or other free-roaming cats. If someone contacts CAPS about feral cats, they provide FAWG's phone number. The two programs complement each other, and together they are helping reduce the number of unwanted litters and homeless animals entering the shelter or being tortured/harmed each year.

This application (attached) has been reviewed by the County Manager for completion of required materials and the criteria appropriate to warrant County funding (such as: non-profit status, funding sources, community benefit, prior requests, etc.). FAWG has not requested support from the county

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since May 2016. The Fallon Animal Welfare Group and many other organizations in our community would not be successful if it were not for the level of dedication and commitment provided by volunteers and local funding support.

Alternatives: The Board may determine to grant more or less funding than what is being requested.

Fiscal Impact: \$3,000+/- FY 22

The Miscellaneous Support line item of the Community Support Budget currently has funding available to support this request.

Explanation of Impact:

Community Support / Miscellaneous Grants: 100-401-70300

Funding Source:

Prepared By: Julie B. Guerrero, Administrative Services Manager

Reviewed By:

Jim R. Barbee, County Manager

Date:

Benjamin Shawcroft, Chief Deputy DA

Date:

Sherry Wideman, Comptroller

Date:

Board Action Taken:

Motion: Approve

1) _____

Aye: _____

2) _____

Nay: _____



(Vote Recorded By)

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