



STAFF REPORT
1/24/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Support 4 Paws, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support its No-Cost Microchip and Vaccine Clinic for Owned Animals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) to Support 4 Paws, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000 to support its no-cost microchip and vaccine clinic for owned animals. The no-cost microchip and vaccine clinic will take place in Coachella sometime in April, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Based Grant Program was established in 2010 and allows the City of Coachella to offer financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations, youth-serving organizations, and other community-based organizations that provide essential services, programs, and activities to residents in Coachella. Applicant organizations are only eligible to submit one application for consideration each fiscal year and must be legally established with non-profit or tax-exempt status, be based in the Coachella Valley, or provide direct service to Coachella residents. Approval of grant funds does not constitute a precedent for grant allocations in subsequent years. All CBG grants are reimbursement grants to ensure that applicants are meeting their stated goals. The FY 23-24 budget included an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Support 4 Paws is a 501c3 nonprofit animal rescue organization supporting animals and their guardians through community outreach, medical assistance and educational programs. Our mission is to keep animals safe, out of shelters and off the streets by providing much needed services to their owners. Services include: adoptions, microchip clinics, vaccine clinics, a fix-it-fund, customized tags, and education programs. Support is needed because there is a vet shortage nationwide and it is having a huge impact on the Coachella Valley. Low-cost options in the Coachella Valley area are increasingly difficult to come by because there not enough staff for more clinics and appointments at a vet clinic are weeks out and more expensive than many can afford.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Support 4 Paws, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Its No-Cost Microchip and Vaccine Clinic for Owned Animals
2. Not Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Support 4 Paws, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000 leaving a balance of \$13,000.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Copy of Application