



STAFF REPORT
6/12/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Desert Paws Sanctuary in the Amount of \$3,000 to Continue the Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming of Abandoned Animals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community-Based Grant (CBG) to Desert Paws Sanctuary in the amount of \$3,000 to continue the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abandoned animals.

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:

Desert Paws Sanctuary is a nonprofit organization committed to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abandoned animals. Aside from establishing a sanctuary for these animals, they also offer education resources and support to low-income communities in the area of animal welfare. Desert Paws Sanctuary is requesting funding for expenses related to spay/neuter and vaccinations services to encourage the adoption of 47 rehabilitated dogs over a six-month period.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a Community Based Grant in the amount of \$3,000.
2. Do not award a Community Based Grant

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, the Community-Based Grant Program account will be reduced by \$3,000.

ATTACHMENT(S):

CBG Application Packet