

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Petco Foundation Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant for \$20,000 from Petco Foundation. This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering of approximately 400 animals and provide other life saving veterinary services. There is no local match required for this grant.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant for \$20,000, or as otherwise awarded, from Petco Foundation and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering of approximately 400 animals and provide other life saving veterinary services. There is no local match required for this grant.

Background: This is a Petco Foundation Grant presented to Animal Control Agencies & Non Profit Organizations responsible for animal control sheltering per local ordinance. The Petco Foundation seeks to provide funding to support these agencies and their life saving efforts.

Analysis: The Animal Care and Control Center has been diligently working to implement components of the Save-A-Pet Program with an overall focus on animal welfare. The previous Petco Foundation grant helped spay and neuter 116 dogs and 384 cats impounded at the Animal Care & Control Center. Accepting this grant will allow the Animal Care and Control Center to continue and assist in maintaining a consistent reduction of our euthanasia rate.

Financial Considerations: The City of Columbus is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant; however, the shelter staff will be required to oversee this program.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has reviewed this grant request and approved as to form.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant for \$20,000, or as otherwise awarded, from Petco Foundation and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering of 400 animals. There is no local match required for this grant.

A RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE PETCO FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$20,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FOR COLUMBUS ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CENTER, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Petco Foundation makes grants to public and private animal shelters organizations to achieve the mutual objective of saving the lives of animals by significantly reducing the shelter’s euthanasia rate and; increasing the shelter’s live release rate; and,

WHEREAS, this grant will award approximately \$20,000 to Columbus Animal Care & Control Center, which will assist in their life saving efforts, including: spay/neuter surgeries; and,

WHEREAS, a cash match is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Petco Foundation for the Animal Care and Control Center Save-A-Pet program with no local match requirement; and,
2. The Multi-Governmental Fund is amended by the grant amount.

Introduced at a regular meeting for the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative votes of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.