

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Agriculture, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering only of dogs and cats.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works/Animal Care & Control

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant for an undetermined amount from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (“the Department”). This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering only of dogs and cats. There is no local match required for this grant.

Background: This is a Department Grant presented to Animal Control Agencies & Non Profit Organizations responsible for animal control sheltering per local ordinance. The Department 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. Applying for and 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.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare from the Georgia Department of Agriculture for an underdetermined amount. This grant will pay for the spaying and neutering only of dogs and cats. 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 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT, AS 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 Georgia Department of Agriculture 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 an undetermined amount 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; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor