



AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Spay & Neuter Grant Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Determine specific amount of general fund dollars to support this grant program in 2023.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County's Dog License and Pet Identification Application forms provide an opportunity for residents to make a voluntary donation to support spay and neuter services. These donations, typically supplemented by general fund, are offered to local non-profit organizations, which provide spay and neuter services in Deschutes County for both feral animals and pets whose owners are unable or unlikely to access or afford the procedure. Grant funds may also be used for educational or promotional programs focused on encouraging or expanding spay and neuter procedures in Deschutes County.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, located in Deschutes County and able to certify that grant proceeds will be used to support services benefiting Deschutes County residents.

The table below shows the last five years of contributions as well as total grant awards offered.

| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Dog License contribution | \$5,516 | \$5,107 | \$5,215 | \$6,056 | \$4,821 |
| General Fund contribution | \$6,984 | \$7,893 | \$4,785 | \$6,944 | \$6,179 |
| Total amount offered | \$12,500 | \$13,000 | \$10,000 | \$13,000 | \$11,000 |
| Number of grant recipients | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 |

Also attached to this staff report is the draft news release regarding the solicitation as well as the Spay and Neuter Grant application form.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Historically, the Spay & Neuter Grant program has utilized funds from the dog license donation fund with any additional funding supplemented by the general fund. The general

fund impact will be the total amount of grant funds available for spay and neuter (as determined by the Commissioners) less the balance of the donation fund at the end of FY 2023. As of Tuesday, May 30, the dog license donation fund holds \$3,584.15.

ATTENDANCE:

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