



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Spay & Neuter Grant Program Consideration

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Historically, Deschutes County has offered a yearly Spay & Neuter Grant Program. Grants made from this program utilize funds from dog license contributions with any additional funding supplemented by the General Fund. Previously, about \$10,000 has been made available in annual grant funds of which approximately one-third was from dog license contributions and two-thirds was out of the General Fund. In 2023, the BOCC opted to change the grant fund from a one-year grant cycle to a two-year grant cycle to determine if this change would render the program more sustainable from dog license contributions.

The last Spay & Neuter Grant funds were allocated in August 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024). As of April 2025, the dog license contribution fund has a balance of \$4,106. The fund budgeted \$5,000 for grants in Fiscal Year 2025. Currently, no General Fund dollars are allocated to supplement the Spay & Neuter Grant program.

Options for consideration:

- Award Spay & Neuter Grant funds up to \$5,000;
- Wait another year or two for the fund balance to increase;
- Supplement the funds with County dollars; or
- Direct that the dog license contribution dollars be allocated otherwise.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Possible impact to the General Fund impact could 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 2025.

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager