



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Spay & Neuter Grant Awards

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, supplemented by the 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.

On June 9, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved a total of \$13,000 for multiple awards. Staff then issued a news release, posted a solicitation, and notified past applicants of the available funding. Six applications were received in response to the solicitation, two more than in 2020. Those applications were then reviewed and evaluated by the Dog Control Board of Supervisors, whose scores were averaged to provide the recommendation included in the Board's meeting materials today.

During the Board's August 11 meeting, staff will seek Board direction on grant awards for the 2021 Spay & Neuter Grant program.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Grant funds were included in the FY22 budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Laura Skundrick, Administrative Analyst