



AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 Spay & Neuter Grant Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Discuss potential 2022 Spay & Neuter Grant solicitation process and set total award amount

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.

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Dog License contribution	\$4,299	\$5,516	\$5,107	\$5,215	\$6,056
General Fund contribution	\$8,201	\$6,984	\$7,893	\$4,785	\$6,944
Total amount offered	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$13,000
Number of grant recipients	4	3	2	4	6

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. As of Monday May 2, the dog license donation fund holds \$3,967.08.

ATTENDANCE:

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