

Staff Report

Subject: AKC Pet Disaster Relief Grant
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Department: Finance Department
Meeting Date: 3/15/22

Item Description: Consideration to submit a grant application to the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation (AKC Reunite) Canine Support and Relief Fund.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation (AKC Reunite) Canine Support and Relief Fund.

Executive Summary:

AKC Reunite, through its Canine Support and Relief Fund, coordinates contributions and funds to donate AKC Pet Disaster Relief Units (“Units”) to qualified organizations and government units and instrumentalities. These Units are intended to be used to provide co-location for the pets and service animals of people evacuating emergency situations, in accordance with the federal PETS Act of 2006. Each Unit comprises a 16 ft. x 7 ft. two-axle trailer with many of the materials necessary to set up an emergency shelter for fifty or more pets and service animals. Deployment of these trailers helps municipalities provide its citizens co-location shelters, a safe place where people and pets can remain together in the event of an evacuation.

Background:

1. Each trailer unit is valued at \$22,000.
2. The grant is competitive.
3. No cost share requirement.
4. Application deadline is March 21, 2022.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to submit a grant application to AKC Reunite.
2. Do not approve to submit a grant application to AKC Reunite.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to submit a grant application to AKC Reunite.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Effingham County Animal Shelter

Effingham County Emergency Management

Funding Source:

No cost share requirement

Attachments:

AKC Reunite Grant Guidelines and Application