

# Staff Report

**Subject:** GA Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant  
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**Department:** Finance Department  
**Meeting Date:** 2/20/2024  
**Item Description:** Consideration to submit a grant application to the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Program.

## **Summary Recommendation:**

Staff is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Program.

## **Executive Summary:**

When funds are available, licensed municipal animal shelters located in Georgia, licensed nonprofit animal rescue organizations with 501(c)(3) status located in Georgia, and veterinary medical foundations with 501(c)(3) status located in Georgia may apply to the GDA for a grant to assist with sterilization procedures on dogs and cats. The purpose of the Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Program is to provide financial assistance with sterilization procedures. GDA hopes that the grant funds will ease the burden of the cost of sterilization procedures and increase the number of dogs and cats sterilized in Georgia. If awarded, the Effingham County Animal Shelter will use the funds to sterilize 50 dogs and 50 cats.

## **Background:**

1. Effingham County Animal Shelter is requesting \$10,000.
2. The grant is competitive.
3. No cost share requirement.
4. Application deadline is March 2, 2024.

## **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve GDA Dog and Cat Sterilization grant application submittal.
2. Do not approve GDA Dog and Cat Sterilization grant application submittal.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

## **Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve GDA Dog and Cat Sterilization grant application submittal.

## **Other Alternatives:**

N/A

**Department Review:** *(list departments)*

Effingham County Animal Shelter

**Funding Source:**

No cost share requirement

**Attachments:**

1. GDA Grant Explanation and Instructions