

## Staff Report

**Subject:** AKC Pet Disaster Relief Grant  
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**Department:** Finance Department  
**Meeting Date:** 4/19/22  
**Item Description:** Consideration to accept a grant award and contract with the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation (AKC Reunite) Canine Support and Relief Fund

### **Summary Recommendation:**

Staff is requesting approval to accept a grant award and contract with 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. The award is valued at \$22,000.
2. No cost share requirement.

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

1. Approve to accept a grant award and contract with AKC Reunite.
2. Do not approve to accept a grant award and contract with AKC Reunite.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

### **Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to accept a grant award and contract with 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 Award Letter

AKC Reunite Grant Contract