



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Partnership between Grass Valley Police Animal Services and Wayward Journey

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council (1) receive a presentation by GVPD and Wayward Journey; and (2) direct the Chief of Police to sign an MOU, subject to legal review.

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**Council Meeting Date:** 04/08/2025

**Date Prepared:** 04/01/2025

**Agenda:** Administrative

### **Background Information**

In mid-2024, the Grass Valley Police Department was approached by Alexandra Maloney who was interested in starting a new non-profit organization (NPO) with a goal of working with the Grass Valley Animal Shelter. The intent of the NPO, in coordination with staff, is to care for shelter animals by coordinating in-home foster care, conducting socialization and behavioral training, hosting vaccine clinics, raising money for specialized medical care, and more. GVPD staff met with Maloney and incorporated representatives from California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) to come up with the framework of a relationship. That framework has been transformed into an MOU between the City and Wayward Journey and has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

The formalized partnership between the City and Wayward Journey will enhance the services we provide to the community. Their work inside and outside of the shelter will undoubtedly lead to an increase in the successful adoption of shelter animals. Wayward Journey's investment in socialization and training will also free up some City staff time which can be redirected into other meaningful endeavors.

Wayward Journey intends to raise money through community donations, offering these services as a benefit to the community's animals and is not asking for financial support from the City.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** This action executes portions of Strategic Plan Core Goal of an efficient workplace and high-quality public safety services.

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct financial impact. Net positive in staff-time savings and shorter animal shelter stays.

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account #:**

**Reviewed by:** City Manager