



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2023

PRESENTER: John Golden, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative Grant (JG)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt a resolution approving agreement to receive the funds awarded by the California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative Grant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cities across the country are dealing with millions of abandoned free-roaming cats and feral cats. Most of these cats are susceptible to premature mortality from disease, starvation, weather extremes, or trauma. The negative impacts of these cat populations are not limited to just the cats themselves. Free-roaming abandoned cats and feral cats are non-native predators that cause considerable wildlife destruction and disruption to the local ecosystem. These cats may carry viral, bacterial, fungal, and parasitic diseases that pose a significant threat to public health. The City of Kerman is no exception to this problem.

Euthanasia has been a common method used to control these populations. Kerman's Animal Control Officer has been working diligently with the community volunteers to find alternative methods to address Kerman's free-roaming and feral cat populations. "SNR" and "TNR" programs offer non-lethal strategies to combat this problem. "SNR" is an acronym for "shelter-neuter-return" which describes a program where healthy free-roaming cats are brought to the Animal Control Officer or the Animal Services volunteers and are neutered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped before referring them for adoption or returning them to the area where they were found. "TNR" is an acronym for "trapneuter-return" which refers to the program that humanely trap free-roaming or feral cats, have them altered, vaccinated, and ear-tipped before returning them to their habitats.

Kerman's Animal Control services is currently implementing the TNR program with the funds received from a previous grant. The new funding received from the California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative grant will allow Kerman's Animal Control Services to continue implementing the program, with grant monies used to prevent owner surrenders by providing resources to owners to assist with animal medical services and licensing requirements

The Kerman Animal Control services have been awarded a grant amount of \$10,000.00. This grant is allocated to fund approximately 102 cats and 275 dogs to be fixed and vaccinated, and to purchase supplies and equipment related to the implementation of the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution w/Exhibit

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 23-___

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN APPROVING AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FUNDS AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA ANIMAL WELFARE FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman provides Animal Control Services which include the responsibility of controlling animal populations to insure the health and well-being of animals and residents within the city limits of Kerman; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman successfully applied for grant funding to mitigate spay and neuter services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman is eligible, and was awarded funding from the California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Council approves Agreement Form (Exhibit 'A') to receive the funds awarded by the California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Authorizes the City Manager, or his representative, to sign the agreement form
3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of May 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marci Reyes
City Clerk