



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

Title: Authorize the purchase of a 2024 Transit Cargo Van not to exceed \$60,701 to be funded by the Regents of the University of California grant for the City of Needles Animal Shelter Award

Background: The City has received a significant boost for its animal welfare efforts. The application submitted to **California for All Animals** in September 2023, seeking funding to implement a Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program to manage the free-roaming cats in Needles, has been awarded a substantial amount of \$112,000.

The funding awarded will provide

- One new vehicle to transport animals to a veterinarian,
- One new part-time employee (1-year term),
- TNR program supplies (traps, trap covers, tarps, gloves, etc.),
- veterinary services (up to 200 animals), and
- public education.

The proposed TNR program will improve the areas where domestic and non-domestic cats are found, reduce diseases, and provide a better quality of life for the community cats. The goal is to eliminate euthanasia at our Animal Shelter by providing an alternative for captured free-roaming cats and increasing adoption rates of those able to be rehomed.

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The City's Animal Shelter has been operating without a TNR program due to various limitations, including vehicle, budget, and staffing constraints. However, with the grant award, the Animal Shelter is now equipped to launch its first-ever TNR program, which will serve as a pilot project for one year. The City Council accepted the award on January 9, 2024, and the funds have been received. The staff will use sole-source procurement contracts to obtain government pricing on the fleet, and the new unit from Anderson Ford in Bullhead City is ready for delivery.

Fiscal Impact: The sales price is \$55,750, and the sales tax is \$4,321, which the grant will fund for a total cost of \$60,071. Under the award, the total budget for a new vehicle is \$60,000 plus \$5,000 for fuel/travel costs.

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Authorize the purchase of a 2024 Transit Cargo Van not to exceed \$60,701 to be funded by the Regents of the University of California grant for the City of Needles Animal Shelter Award

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City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 4/4/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): Barbara DiLeo

Date: 4/4/2024

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

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