



## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Animal Services submitted a SNIPtember grant proposal for \$43,200 the California for All Animals Program through the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program. This specific grant program is funded by a one-time California State General Fund dollars to increase the spay/neuter opportunities to animal shelters in California.

### **Background:**

The SNIP Bus (Spay Neuter Imperative Project) is a 501(c)(3) low-cost mobile spay and neuter clinic. The bus works to actively prevent the suffering and death of unwanted animals due to overpopulation. The bus is independently funded through generous sponsors.

Animal Services has been partnering with SNIP for several years, always looking for ways to increase the s/n opportunities in the community. To date, they've helped fix over 2,000 animals in our Salinas and Monterey County communities.

For this grant, Animal Services is further partnering with SNIP to expand the spay/neuter opportunities for animals in the shelter and through referrals through our field officers. We are finding that as the shelter population increases, so does the need to provide more medical care from our internal vet team of one Veterinarian and one Registered Veterinary Technician. This has reduced internal capacity for s/n surgeries and often we are backed up.

Through a partnership with SNIP, one day a month, they will provide an s/n clinic for our shelter animals (including foster animals) and field referral cases (which may include feral cats, welfare cases, etc.). With an

average of 30 animals per clinic for a 12-month period, they will increase our spay/neuter opportunities by over 360 animals. The services to the owned pets/feral caretakers will be at no charge. The cost for these 12 clinics is \$43,200 (\$3,500 per clinic and \$1,200 for Misc. supplies).

Animal Services was notified on November 28, 2022, that our proposal was selected for total funding of \$43,200. Animal Services staff will work with SNIP staff to schedule and further coordinate the clinics related to this grant.

The total funds awarded is \$43,200 and will be used by Animal Services as applicable. This grant award program is to be completed by December 12, 2023. Disbursement of the grant funds will be upon execution of the agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel reviewed and approved this action as to legal form.

FINANCING:

There is no impact on the General Fund resulting from the acceptance of this award. This Agreement is funded by California for All Animal Program and UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program grant. The Department will manage grant expenditures within existing appropriations and will evaluate the need to seek an increase at mid-year.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

☐Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

☒Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☒Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

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Date:

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Attachments:

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Agreement