



To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
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Date: April 15, 2015
Subject: Spay and Neuter Grant Recommendations

Background

The Deschutes County Dog Licensing Program offers an opportunity for applicants to contribute additional funds to support projects designed to reduce the population of feral, unwanted, abandoned or surrendered pets. These funds are distributed in the form of grants to local non-profit organizations that provide spay and neuter services in Deschutes County. In the past five years, the Board of Commissioners has supplemented the dog license contributions with other resources to result in the following amounts available for grant awards:

Funding Source	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dog License Program Contributions	\$2,398	\$ 2,952	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,134	\$3,206
Supplemental Funds	2,602	9,448	10,510	9,366	\$9,294
Total	\$5,000	\$12,400	\$13,000	\$12,500	\$12,500

The Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program was created to apply these funds toward three primary objectives:

1. Expand spay and neuter services in Deschutes County in an effort to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats.
2. Provide promotion or education associated with spay and neuter services.
3. Conduct outreach and assist those who are unable to access spay and neuter services due to financial constraints or physical limitations.

To be eligible for funds through the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program, organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Be recognized as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt agency.
- Be located in Deschutes County.
- Propose to use grant funds in support of Deschutes County residents.

- Propose to use grant funds for expenses directly associated with spay and neuter services or for spay and neuter education and promotion projects.

During the history of the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program, funds have been awarded to the following eligible organizations:

Bend Spay and Neuter Project (SNIP)
Cat Rescue, Adoption, and Foster Team (CRAFT)
BrightSide Animal Center/Redmond Humane Society
Humane Society of Central Oregon (HSCO)
Equine Outreach

FY 2014-15 Recommendations

The FY 2014-15 solicitation for the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program closed on December 31, 2014. Three eligible organizations submitted applications for the \$12,500 allocation approved by the Board of Commissioners. Applications were evaluated by members of the Deschutes County Dog Board, using criteria related to:

- Organizational Stability and Solvency
- Connection to Grant Program Objectives
- Ability to Leverage Grant Funds

Raters scored each application against the criteria, determined if the applicant should receive a grant based on their proposal, and suggested an award amount. To adjust for variations in individual ratings, the final recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, which will be presented during the April 22, 2015 work session, is based on both averaging and weighting the individual scores and applying those factors to the total amount available for grants.

If the Board accepts the recommendations, staff will prepare an agreement for each grant recipient that specifies the requirements of the award and, upon execution of the agreement, will make payment from FY 2014-15 budgeted funds in the amounts indicated.