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AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

For Board Business Meeting of June 29, 2016

DATE: June 28, 2016

FROM: Judith Ure Administrative Services 541-330-4627

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of 2016 Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant awards.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE? No.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes County Dog Licensing Program offers an opportunity for applicants to make contributions in support of projects designed to reduce the population of feral, unwanted, abandoned, or surrendered pets. These funds are supplemented by other County resources and distributed in the form of grants to local non-profit organizations that provide spay and neuter services in Deschutes County. On June 22, 2016, the Board of Commissioners approved awards for the 2016 program as described in the attached documentation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

A total of \$12,500 is included in the FY 2015-16 budget for the Spay and Neuter Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve 2016 Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant awards.

ATTENDANCE: Place on consent agenda.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:

N/A



To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
From: Judith Ure, Department of Administrative Services
Date: June 22, 2016
Subject: Spay and Neuter Grant Recommendations

Background

The Deschutes County Dog Licensing Program offers an opportunity for applicants to make contributions in support of 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	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Dog License Program Contributions	\$ 2,952	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,134	\$3,206	\$4,222
Supplemental Funds	9,448	10,510	9,366	\$9,294	\$8,278
Total	\$12,400	\$13,000	\$12,500	\$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.
- Use grant funds in support of Deschutes County residents.
- 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 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
Furry Friends
Central Oregon Cat Alliance (COCA)

FY 2015-16 Recommendations

The FY 2015-16 solicitation for the Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program closed on May 23, 2016. Five 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. The final recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is based on a formula that factors both the rankings and suggested award amounts and applies those results 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 2015-16 budgeted funds in the amounts indicated on the attached chart.

**Deschutes County Spay and Neuter Grant Program
2015-16 Awards**

Organization	Project Description	Recommendation
Central Oregon Cat Alliance	Free and Affordable Spay/Neuter Services: Perform spay and neuter procedures on approximately 800 cats (up to 300 potentially supported by spay & neuter grant funds), reducing the number being brought to local shelters and humanely controlling the population of community cats living in Deschutes County.	\$4,000
Furry Friends	Prevent a Litter, Fix Your Critter Program: Sponsor spay and neuter procedures performed by the Bend Spay & Neuter Project for dogs and cats of families in financial hardship, allowing pets to remain in their homes.	\$2,850
Brightside Animal Center	Spay and Neuter Procedures: Perform low-cost spay and neuter procedures for pets of Deschutes County residents and for strays received from animal-control authorities and the public in preparation for adoption. Raise awareness of spay and neuter services through media campaign. Operate trap-neuter-release program for feral cats.	\$2,650
Humane Society of Central Oregon	Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP): Provide 28-30 low-cost vouchers to community members, allowing them to pay only a portion of the spay or neuter costs for their pets when procedure is performed by a participating local veterinarian.	\$2,500
Cascade Canine Rescue East & West	Spay and Neuter Procedures: Perform spay and neuter procedures on dogs rescued from high-kill shelters in preparation for adoption and perform community outreach to promote services.	\$500
Total		\$12,500