

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the transfer of grant funds from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to the Animal Sterilization Fund for the reimbursement of sterilization costs.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

APPROVE the transfer of American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' (ASPCA) grant funds in the amount of \$100,415 from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) to the Animal Sterilization Fund (ASF) as reimbursement for sterilization costs associated with ASPCA's Public Cat Adoption Grant.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Animal Services (DAS) reports authorization to transfer \$100,415 from AWTF- Fund No. 859 to the ASF- Fund No. 842 is required to prevent the General Fund from subsidizing sterilization costs associated with ASPCA's sponsored cat adoptions. Failure to grant this authorization will result in a \$100,415 impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 15, 2020, your Committee considered a November 21, 2019 DAS report relative to the transfer of ASPCA grant funds in the amount of \$100,415 from the AWTF to the ASF as reimbursement for sterilization costs associated with ASPCA's Public Cat Adoption Grant. According to the DAS, on July 6, 2018, the ASPCA awarded a \$200,000 grant to subsidize public adoption fees for cats at DAS Animal Services Centers. On July 24, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of the grant funds. On August 10, 2018, Council approved the acceptance of the ASPCA Grant for fee waivers for the public adoption of cats (Council File No. 12-1967-S5). The DAS has received the agreed upon grant payments from the ASPCA totaling \$200,000 and deposited said monies into the AWTF. Prior to the 2018 grant, the DAS was awarded similar grants in both 2015 and 2017, and has submitted a new grant application for 2019 which is currently pending award. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend authorizing the fund transfer as detailed in the DAS report and the above recommendation. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

LEE: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

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