

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Apollo Project modification to expand mobile spay and neuter services.

Recommendations for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), or designee, to:

- a. Negotiate and execute Apollo Project Letters of Agreement with various mobile spay and neuter providers to provide free sterilizations of pit bull and pit bull mixed breed dogs in Zip Codes 91331 and 91342 on a reimbursement basis with funds from a \$50,000 donation from the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation and from the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000 for a period of one year beginning November 1, 2013, or until all funds are expended.
- b. Amend the existing Contract No. C-116573 with the Amanda Foundation, as necessary, to allow other mobile spay and neuter service providers to use the Heigl Foundation grant and Apollo Project funds in accordance with the Letter of Agreement and subject to the City Attorney approval as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the above recommendations will authorize the DAS to enter into Letters of Agreement with various mobile spay and neuter providers at a total cost not to exceed \$80,000. \$50,000 of this amount is from a Jason Debus Heigl Foundation grant and the remaining \$30,000 is from the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund. There is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations in the October 21, 2013 CAO report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that the budgeted funds are used for budgeted purposes and that one-time revenue is used for one-time purposes.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 19, 2013, your Committee considered an October 21, 2013 CAO report relative to Apollo Project modification to expand mobile spay and neuter services. According to the CAO, the DAS is requesting authority to negotiate and execute Letters of Agreement (LOA) with various mobile spay and neuter operators to provide free sterilizations of pit bull and pit bull mixed breed dogs in Pacoima and Sylmar to meet the requirements of a \$50,000 Jason Debus Heigl Foundation grant project, also known as the Apollo Project. The proposed agreements would be for a period of one year, from November 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, or until all project funds are expended. The City Attorney has authorized the use of LOAs in lieu of formal contracts because the agreements will be non-exclusive and dependent on at-will participation, similar to the DAS's agreements with private veterinarians for their participation in the Spay and Neuter Voucher Program. There is no minimum guarantee of funding.

Council accepted a \$50,000 grant from the Jason Debus Heigl Foundation on October 26, 2010 (Council File No. 10-2451) and approved the Apollo Project to provide free spaying and neutering of pit bull and pit bull mixes in the communities of Pacoima (ZIP Code 91331) and Sylmar (ZIP Code 91342), where impounds of these types of dogs is most prevalent, in order to reduce the number of these dogs being surrendered or abandoned with City animal care centers. The DAS also pledged

\$30,000 from the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund (ASTF), under the General Manager's authority within the Fund, towards the Apollo Project, for a total amount of \$80,000. Subsequently, on January 4, 2011, Council approved an \$80,000 increase and amendment to an existing DAS contract with The Amanda Foundation (C-116573) to expand the Amanda Foundation's mobile spay and neuter services to include the Apollo Project (Council File No. 09-1693).

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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KORETZ:	YES
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O'FARRELL:	YES
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FUENTES:	YES
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