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January 12, 2021

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
% City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
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Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$50,000 GRANT AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR THE SPAY/NEUTER OF CATS

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council:

1. **ACCEPT** a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the ASPCA for the purpose of providing spay/neuter services to cats;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the establishment of new Appropriation Account No. 060053 in the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, "Community Cat S/N Program" for the depositing of donations, grants, and appropriations specifically designated for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats;
3. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds and authorization to establish the new Appropriation Account No. 060053 in the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, Community Cat S/N Program for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats to the Mayor and City Council for approval;

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4. **FORWARD** the adopted Council File to the Controller's Office to create Appropriation Account No. 060053 within the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, "Community Cat S/N Program" for the depositing of donations, grants, and appropriations specifically designated for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats; and
5. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842, Appropriation Account No. 06005A for the designated purpose of providing spay/neuter services to cats.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 5.200.1 (Receipt of Property) states that any gift or bequest to be used by the Department that exceeds \$25,000 must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

On December 23, 2020, the Department of Animal Services submitted an application to the ASPCA for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the Cat Spay/Neuter project. On December 28, 2020, the ASPCA awarded Grant No. 202012-28232 in the amount of \$50,000 to the Department. The terms and conditions of the grant were accepted and agreed upon by the Department, the Agreement was signed and returned to the ASPCA. Receipt of funds are pending as of the date of this report.

On January 12, 2021, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners modified the recommendations contained in the board report dated December 29, 2020. The modified recommendations are to accept the \$50,000 grant awarded by the ASPCA for the purpose of providing spay/neuter services to cats with funding deposited into the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842, Appropriation Account No. 06005A and establishment of the new Appropriation Account No. 060053 in the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, Community Cat S/N Program, subject to the approval by the Mayor and City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The funds from this grant will be deposited into the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 and will be used in accordance with the grant's terms and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$50,000 Grant awarded by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for the spay/neuter of cats

cc: Soozy Rios Bellenot, City Administrative Officer
Catherine Chico, Los Angeles Animal Services

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2021

PREPARED BY: Annette Ramirez

REPORT DATE: December 29, 2020

TITLE: Interim Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$50,000 GRANT AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR THE SPAY/NEUTER OF ~~FREE-ROAMING~~ CATS

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **ACCEPT** a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the ASPCA for the spay/neuter services of ~~free-roaming~~ cats;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the establishment of new Appropriation Account No. 060053 in the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, "Community Cat S/N Program" for the depositing of donations, grants, and appropriations specifically designated for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats;
3. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds and authorization to establish the new Appropriation Account No. 060053 in the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, Community Cat S/N Program for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats to the Mayor and City Council for approval;
4. **FORWARD** the adopted Council File to the Controller's Office to create Appropriation Account No. 060053 within the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 entitled, "Community Cat S/N Program" for the depositing of donations, grants, and appropriations specifically designated for the spay/neuter of free roaming cats; and
5. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into ~~the newly established Appropriate Account within~~ the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 Appropriation Account No. 06005A for the designated purpose of providing spay/neuter services to cats. ~~and restrict these funds for the designated purpose of spay/neuter services for free-roaming cats.~~

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$50,000 GRANT AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR THE SPAY/NEUTER OF **FREE ROAMING** CATS

BACKGROUND:

On December 23, 2020, the Department of Animal Services (Department) submitted an application to the ASPCA for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the Cat Spay/Neuter project. On December 28, 2020, the ASPCA awarded Grant No. 202012-28232 in the amount of \$50,000 to the Department per the attached Grant Agreement Reference (Agreement). The Agreement contains all grant requirements, timeliness, usage and reporting requirements.

The terms and conditions of the grant were accepted and agreed upon by the Department, the Agreement was signed and returned to the ASPCA. Receipt of funds are pending as of the date of this report.

SUMMARY:

Los Angeles Animal Services has been unable to spay/neuter community cats due to an injunction for 12+ years and we are experiencing an unprecedented growth in the number of community cats and kittens entering our shelters. The Department has completed the first ever Environmental Impact Report (EIR) regarding the impact of cats on the community. Professional analysis has shown that spay/neuter is the only way to humanely and effectively reduce the free roaming cat population. Our shelter cat intake has grown annually during the time the injunction prevented us from spaying/neutering community cats.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe budget constraints the Department is facing, the Department will be unable to spay/neuter enough cats without financial assistance. The City of Los Angeles has a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for pet dogs, cats, and rabbits. Residents can obtain free spay/neuter vouchers for pets (3 dogs and 3 cats) which can be redeemed through contracted veterinarians.

The Department currently has agreements with over 50 veterinary clinics which accept our vouchers. Our goal is to support 20,000 additional spay/neuter surgeries for community cats. TNR groups who register with the Department and keep their records updated monthly will be eligible to receive vouchers for community cats. The vouchers issued for community cats will be tracked separately from those issued for pet cats.

Our Public Relations Team will promote a public education campaign using our website, social media, newsletters, media outlets, Council Districts, Neighborhood Council, and Community Cat TNR groups advising them how to obtain vouchers. Vouchers may be redeemed at any of our privately operated clinics attached to our shelter facilities, any of our contract mobile spay/neuter vehicles, or any of the local veterinary clinics who participates in the voucher program. As part of this campaign, we will raise awareness for both the spay/neuter services and the support from the ASPCA. All awarded funds would directly support the **Community-Cat** Voucher Program's spay/neuter surgeries as a \$70 reimbursement per surgery. Staff time for issuing and managing the voucher program as well as overhead costs will continue to be funded by the Department.

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ROAMING CATS

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. This grant will be deposited into the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842 and be used in accordance with the grant’s terms and conditions.

Approved:

Brenda F. Barnette

Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: Grant Agreement Reference – Grant Number 202012-28232

BOARD ACTION:

_____	Passed	Disapproved	_____
<u>✓</u>	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	_____
_____	Tabled	New Date	_____