



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: January 13, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Department of Dallas Animal Services
EXECUTIVE: Joey Zapata

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Animals (ASPCA) to be used for the purchase of pet food for the period November 25, 2020 through March 31, 2021; **(2)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the ASPCA COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund; **(3)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 in the ASPCA COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund; and **(4)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Not to exceed \$50,000.00 - Financing: ASPCA Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

This action will authorize grant acceptance between ASPCA and the City of Dallas, Dallas Animal Services (DAS) to fund the purchase of pet food for animals in DAS' care.

DAS exceeded its animal food budget in FY19 and FY20 and anticipates that it will exceed its animal food budget again in FY21. In previous years, DAS has been able to reallocate funding from other line items or lean on its Friends of DAS non-profit partner to purchase food once the budget had been exasperated. However, with COVID-19 budget cuts, DAS does not expect to have funding to reallocate and is leaning heavily on Friends of DAS to support staff training and the development of its innovative new programs designed to maintain a high rate of lifesaving in the COVID-19 world. Therefore, DAS has secured a one-time COVID-19 emergency relief grant from ASPCA to enable DAS to continue feeding pets in its care the high quality and specialty foods needed to ensure a good health and quality of life in its population.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
ASPCA Grant Funds	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00