



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 14, 2025  
Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 28, 2025

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**DATE:** December 20, 2024

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

**FROM:** Kathleen Chapa, Director of Animal Care Services  
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**Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) under the 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grants – Animal Outcomes for \$94,634.00 with a City cash match of \$14,192.00**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) under the 2024 National Shelter Initiative Grants – Animal Outcomes for \$94,634.00 with a City cash match of \$14,192.00 to replace a split-system air conditioning unit for the cattery building and to repair all damaged kennel partitions in two of the five kennel buildings; and amending the Animal Care Services Grant Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

To receive the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals program funds, the entity requires award recipients to sign a Grant Agreement identifying the recipient's responsibilities and ASPCA's responsibilities. An appropriation of \$14,192.00 is available from the Building Maintenance and Services line item in the Corpus Christi Animal Care Service General Fund to fund the City's match for the project. Reimbursement grant funds will be deposited into the 1079 – Animal Care Services Grant Fund for the Animal Outcomes project. The City's FY 2025 Animal Care Services Grant fund will be amended to increase expenditures by \$94,634.00.

The City Manager is authorized to execute contract amendments pertaining to these funds in the following instances: a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds in amount not to exceed 20% of the original grant; c) reimbursement increases of administration funds for each participant served; d) amendments to comply with applicable State of Federal laws and regulations; and e) amendments which do not change the essential purpose of the grant.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. The National Shelter Grant Initiative is funded through the ASPCA. The grant is designed to support shelters in caring for cats, dogs, and equines during challenging times. The ASPCA is offering \$3 million annually in grants to support US shelters by funding programs that support animal outcomes, animal physiological health, and access to veterinarian care. Individual grant awards will range from \$20,000 to \$95,000.

On December 19, 2024, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals totaling \$94,634.00 to replace a split system air conditioning unit for the cattery building and to repair all damaged kennel partitions in two of the five kennel buildings.

Installing these improvements will promote better health and behavior among the animals at the Corpus Christi Animal Care Services Department. The added shade and air conditioning will create a more comfortable environment, encouraging visitors to stay longer and interact with the animals. The improved atmosphere will lead to increased adoptions and positive animal outcomes.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Council may choose not to approve the grant agreement, and the ASPCA will reallocate the funds to other entities who applied.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The \$94,634.00 will be amended and appropriated in the FY 2025 Animal Care Services grant fund. The \$14,192.00 required cash match is available in the FY 2025 Animal Care Services General Fund budget.

### **Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1077 Animal Care Services Grant Fund
Organization/Activity:	89 Grants & Capital Project Funds/ 838001L FY24 ASPCA Grant
Department:	52 Animal Care Services
Account:	530000 Professional Services/ 520130 Maintenance and Repairs
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the grant agreement.

## **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Grant Agreement  
Presentation  
Certificate of Funds