



Legislation Text

File #: 21-1613, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board:

- 1) Accept, with gratitude, an unrestricted donation of \$10,000 from Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation, to support efforts by the Animal Services Program during the Caldor Fire; and
- 2) Authorize the HHSA Director, or designee, to execute document(s) relating to the donation from Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation to the Animal Services Program.

FUNDING: Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Throughout the Caldor Fire, Animal Services has supported over 1,800 evacuated animals, including 1,200 large animals, and 600 small animals (dogs, cats, and other species including rats, mice, tortoises, parrots, etc.) at three separate locations on the Western Slope. Twenty-four hour staffing was needed to maintain operations at the sites, in addition to maintaining normal operations at the South Lake Tahoe shelter. Additional expenses were incurred for items such as, animal food, first aid supplies, vaccinations, veterinary care, and increased staffing needs.

On August 31, 2021, Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation donated \$10,000, asking that the donation be used to support the efforts by the Health and Human Services Agency, Animal Services Program (Animal Services) during the Caldor Fire. Animal Services is grateful for the donation and it will be used to continue to provide support for the evacuated animals resulting from the wildfire emergency and to provide support for ongoing animal rescue, rehabilitation, and treatment efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could direct HHSA to decline the donation.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

03/25/14, File ID 14-0385, Agenda No. 13, "HHSA Donation Acceptance Delegation"

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This donation will help defray the cost of providing support to evacuated animals during this emergency, thereby allowing additional ongoing support as needed.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to return one (1) Certified Minute Order to the Health and Human Services Agency Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Rd, Suite B.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Healthy Communities

CONTACT

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