

May 13, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Statement of Work and Use License Agreement, and all necessary documents, subcontracts, and any subsequent amendments, with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to operate the Community Pet Medical Clinic Program for an operational period of March 14, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for one calendar-year period through December 31, 2026. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a Statement of Work and Use License Agreement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to implement the Community Pet Medical Clinic Program. This program will provide free spay, neuter, and essential medical services for pets belonging to individuals experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

Since 2014, the ASPCA has been actively supporting animals in underserved communities throughout the Los Angeles area. Now, in partnership with the City of Long Beach (City), the ASPCA has offered to operate the Pet Medical Clinic Program to serve individuals experiencing homelessness and their pets.

This no-cost agreement between the City and the ASPCA ensures access to vital veterinary care for vulnerable pets and their owners. Under the agreement, the ASPCA will operate a mobile pet medical clinic at the Multi-Service Center, offering monthly medical services, including spay and neuter procedures, to support the health and well-being of pets within the community.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Masero on April 28, 2025, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on April 25, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 13, 2025, to commence the Community Pet Medical Clinic Program as soon as possible.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The City has integrated the Equity Toolkit and the strategies from the Everyone Home Long Beach Plan into this recommendation, as requested by the City Council, to enhance supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. This recommendation specifically aims to assist those with pets by providing free medical care for their animals.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with the recommended action. The agreement with ASPCA is a no-cost agreement that will provide pet medical care to participants experiencing homelessness in the City of Long Beach. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER