



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 12, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager  
 Subject: Amendment to Contract No. 108410-1: Paw Fund for Spay and Neuter Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract with Paw Fund (Contract #108410-1) to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners and shelter animals for FY 2025, increasing the contract amount by \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$144,466 and extending the term of the contract to October 31, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The “Spay Neuter Your Pet” (SNYP) grant comes from the General Fund and is a community agency allocation given by Animal Services annually. The SNYP program provided \$23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2016, \$23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2017, \$23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2019, \$23,812 to Paw Fund for FY 2020, \$11,906 for FY 2021, \$9,812 for FY 2022, and \$17,500 for FY 2023 for a total of \$134,466. Staff proposes to award the amount of \$10,000 to Paw Fund for FY 2025, for a new total amount not to exceed \$144,466. Funding for this contract amendment is currently in the FY25 Adopted Budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Paw Fund has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners since FY 2016. By providing no-cost spay and neuter surgeries, Paw Fund helps decrease the number of unwanted pet offspring, reduces the number of homeless animals entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter, and helps prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of healthy animals.

BACKGROUND

Many low-income pet owners would like to access spay and neuter services for their pets but are unable to afford the cost of surgery through local veterinary clinics. Paw Fund consistently works with low-income and unhoused pet owners and is able to

arrange the needed spay and neuter surgeries. The SNYP program provides free spay or neuter surgeries, decreasing unwanted pet litters.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No identifiable environmental effects or climate impacts are associated with this report's subject.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Paw Fund is well equipped and capable of providing the services listed in the Scope of Service. If this funding is not authorized, it would prevent dozens of animals belonging to low-income or unhoused pet owners from being spayed or neutered at no cost to the owner.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative to providing free spay and neuter surgeries to low-income and unhoused residents is to refer them to low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the surrounding area. Prices in these clinics range from \$150 to more than \$700, and waiting lists for appointments are months long, which is prohibitive to many pet owners and significantly increases the likelihood of an unwanted litter.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 108410-1 AMENDMENT: PAW FUND TO PROVIDE NO-COST SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES TO ELIGIBLE PET OWNERS FOR FY 2025, WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$144,466

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley SNYP program funds no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible low-income pet owners and shelter animals; and

WHEREAS, Paw Fund is able to reach eligible low-income pet owners, and to provide no-cost spay and neuter services; and

WHEREAS, The 'Spay Neuter Your Pet' (SNYP) grant comes from the General Fund and is a community agency allocation that is given by Animal Services each year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to amend Contract No. 108410-1, and any necessary further amendments, with Paw Fund for spay and neuter services for FY 2025, increasing the amount of the contract by \$10,000 for a new Not-to-exceed total of \$144,466 and extending the term of the contract to October 31, 2026.

