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March 28, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$30,000 GRANT FROM THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR FEE-WAIVED PET ADOPTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **ACCEPT** a \$30,000 grant from the Annenberg Foundation for fee-waived pet adoptions for January 2025;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to authorize the transfer of the Annenberg Foundation grant funds from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859 to the Animal Sterilization Fund – Fund No. 842, for reimbursement of sterilization costs, and to the General Fund – Fund 100, for dog pound fees associated with all Annenberg Foundation sponsored fee-waived public pet adoption until the \$30,000 is exhausted; and,
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council

ACCEPTANCE OF A \$30,000 GRANT FROM THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR FEE-WAIVED PET ADOPTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025

BACKGROUND:

Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) has a long-standing relationship with the Annenberg Foundation. This relationship has been crucial in advancing LAAS's mission to reduce shelter overcrowding, promote responsible pet ownership, and increase adoption rates. The Annenberg Foundation has consistently supported innovative programs that align with its goal of fostering positive change in the community. For several years, LAAS has received funding from the Annenberg Foundation to enhance its adoption programs and provide essential services for animals in the shelter system. The Foundation's contributions have enabled LAAS to run multiple fee-waived adoption events, which have proven highly effective in finding loving homes for shelter animals and reducing the overall population of homeless pets in the city. This success is a testament to the impact of the Foundation's continued support and the strong alignment between LAAS's mission to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of animals and people and the Foundation's goals.

SUMMARY:

LAAS has received a generous \$30,000 grant from the Annenberg Foundation to support a fee-waived adoption event in January 2025. This initiative aims to reduce shelter overcrowding, increase adoption rates, and foster responsible pet ownership within the Los Angeles community.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$30,000 grant from the Annenberg Foundation into the AWTF for fee-waived adoptions for January 2025, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The funds from this grant will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and disbursements will be made pursuant to the provisions of the Annenberg Foundation grant. Authorization to transfer the grant funds held in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to the Animal Sterilization Fund is required to prevent the City's General Fund from subsidizing sterilization costs associated with Annenberg Foundation's sponsorship of fee-waived public pet adoptions. Authorization to transfer grant funds held in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to the General Fund is required to prevent the City's General Fund from subsidizing dog and cat pound fees associated with the Annenberg Foundation's sponsorship of the fee-waived public pet adoptions.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$30,000 Grant from the Annenberg Foundation into the AWTF for Fee-Waived Adoptions for January 2025

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Lee, Los Angeles Animal Services

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Curiel

REPORT DATE: January 31, 2025

TITLE: District Supervisor

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$30,000 GRANT FROM THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION
INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR FEE-WAIVED PET ADOPTIONS
FOR JANUARY 2025**

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Approved:



Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

<u> X </u>	Passed	Disapproved	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Tabled	New Date	<u> </u>