

## TRANSMITTAL

To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **03/27/2025**

From: **THE MAYOR**

**TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Webb de Macias". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

(Carolyn Webb de Macias for)

**KAREN BASS**

**Mayor**

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March 18, 2025

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

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$95,000 GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR FEE-WAIVED CAT AND DOG ADOPTIONS**

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

1. **ACCEPT** a \$95,000 grant from the ASPCA for fee-waived adoptions of cats and dogs;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the following accounts within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859:
  - a.\$47,500.00 to Account 060044 - ASPCA Public Adoptions S3 Grant
  - b.\$47,500.00 to Account 060048 – ASPCA Grant-Cat and Kittens Adoptions;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to authorize the transfer of ASPCA 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 cat and dog pound fees associated with all ASPCA sponsored fee-waived public adoption of cats and dogs until the \$95,000 is exhausted; and
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) has successfully conducted fee-waived adoption events in the past, leading to increased adoption rates and decreased shelter populations. The ASPCA has been a long-time partner in supporting the Department's mission to place animals in loving homes. Over the

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**SUMMARY:**

The ASPCA has generously offered a grant in the amount of \$95,000 to LAAS to subsidize adoption fees, allowing the Department to facilitate fee-waived adoptions across its six shelter locations. This funding will cover the costs typically associated with adoptions, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and microchipping, enabling more animals to find permanent homes and reducing shelter overcrowding. The grant will be used in conjunction with upcoming adoption events and additional fee-waived adoption promotions throughout the year.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$95,000 grant from the ASPCA into the AWTF for fee-waived cat and dog adoptions, 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 ASPCA 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 ASPCA's sponsorship of fee-waived public adoptions of puppies and dogs. 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 pound fees associated with ASPCA's sponsorship of the fee-waived public adoptions of puppies and dogs.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez  
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$95,000 Grant from the ASPCA into the AWTF for Fee-Waived Cat and Dog Adoptions

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:** Febuary 11, 2025

**PREPARED BY:** Jennifer Curiel

**REPORT DATE:** January 31, 2025

**TITLE:** District Supervisor

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Approved:



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Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

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**BOARD ACTION:**

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