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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 \$50,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE 2025 WINDSTORM AND FIRE EVENT

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

1. **ACCEPT** a \$50,000 grant from PetSmart Charities for natural disaster emergency relief efforts in response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859;
3. **APPROVE** the disbursement of these funds restricted for the designated purpose for natural disaster emergency relief efforts;
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event caused widespread destruction throughout Los Angeles, displacing thousands of residents and their pets. Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS), in coordination with emergency response agencies and local animal welfare organizations, has been at the forefront of providing critical assistance to animals impacted by these disasters.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council

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PetSmart Charities, a long-time partner of LAAS, has generously offered a \$50,000 grant to aid in these relief efforts. These funds will bolster LAAS's capacity to house, treat, and reunite displaced animals with their families while also ensuring the safety of animals in high-risk areas.

LAAS and PetSmart Charities have had a longstanding and productive partnership aimed at improving the welfare of animals throughout Los Angeles. PetSmart Charities has consistently supported LAAS through funding, donations, and adoption initiatives that have facilitated the placement of thousands of animals into loving homes. Through adoption events held at PetSmart locations, LAAS has been able to reach a broader audience and increase the number of successful pet adoptions. Additionally, PetSmart Charities has provided grants for spay and neuter programs, emergency response initiatives, and community outreach efforts. This strong relationship has been instrumental in advancing LAAS's mission to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

SUMMARY:

LAAS respectfully requests the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to approve and accept a generous grant of \$50,000 from PetSmart Charities. This grant will directly support the Department's disaster relief and emergency response efforts in the wake of the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event, which have severely impacted Los Angeles communities and their companion animals.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$50,000 grant from PetSmart Charities into the AWTF for natural disaster emergency relief efforts in response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event, 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 PetSmart Charities grant for disaster relief and emergency response activities for animals impacted by the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez
Acting General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$50,000 Grant from PetSmart Charities into the AWTF for Natural Disaster Emergency Relief Efforts in Response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event

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

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Approved:



Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

Attachment

BOARD ACTION:

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