



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 25, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager
 Subject: Contract No. 117596-1 Amendment: Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) for Spay and Neuter Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 117596-1 with Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners for FY 2024, increasing the contract amount by \$35,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$102,218 and extending the terms of the contract to July 25, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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. The SNYP program provided \$23,812 to Animal Fix Clinic (formerly Fix Our Ferals) for FY 2018, \$11,906 for FY 2021, \$14,000 for FY 2022, \$17,500 for FY 2023, for a total of \$67,218. Staff propose to award the amount of \$35,000 to Animal Fix Clinic in FY 2024, for a total amount not to exceed \$102,218.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The current contract between the City of Berkeley and Animal Fix Clinic expires on October 11, 2023. Animal Fix Clinic has contracted with the City of Berkeley to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to eligible pet owners since FY 2018. By providing no-cost spay and neuter surgeries, Animal Fix Clinic decreases the number of unwanted pet offspring and reduces the number of homeless animals entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

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. Animal Fix Clinic consistently works with low-income pet owners and is able to reach out to eligible pet owners whose animals need spay and neuter surgeries. The SNYP program provides 175 free spay or neuter surgeries each year which decreases

unwanted litters of pets and decreases the number of unwanted pets entering the Dona Spring Animal Shelter.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Animal Fix Clinic is well equipped and capable of providing the services under the SNYP program. If this funding is not authorized, it would prevent 60 animals belonging to low-income 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 residents is to refer them to low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the surrounding area. Prices in these clinics range from \$150 to \$500 and waiting lists for appointments are four months which is prohibitive to many pet owners

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or climate impacts associated with the subject of this report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 117596-1 AMENDMENT: ANIMAL FIX CLINIC (FORMERLY FIX OUR FERALS) TO PROVIDE NO-COST SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES TO ELIGIBLE PET OWNERS FOR FY 2024, WITH A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$102,218

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

WHEREAS, The Animal Fix Clinic 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 execute an amendment to Contract No. 117569-1 with Animal Fix Clinic for spay and neuter services for FY 2024, increasing the amount of the contract by \$35,000 for a new not-to-exceed total of \$102,218, and extending the terms of the contract to July 25, 2026.

