



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
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District Two  
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District Three  
EDDIE VALERO  
District Four  
DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** September 17, 2019 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Cassie Heffington    PHONE: 636-4050				

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Grant Agreement with Best Friends Animal Society

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Grant Agreement with Best Friends Animal Society in the amount of \$33,500 for a Return to Field Program for impounded feral cats during a grant period from September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020;
2. Approve the necessary budget adjustment per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required); and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Grant Agreement with Best Friends Animal Society.

**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County Animal Services (TCAS) opened in 2001. Since opening, TCAS has worked diligently to increase its live release rates and assist the community with their personal pets. In 2017, Animal Services provided vaccination and microchip clinics throughout the County and in 2019, TCAS is currently offering spay and neuter at a reduced fee for owned pets in Tulare County.

This grant through Best Friends Animal Society will enable TCAS to initiate a pilot program in which the shelter would sterilize (spay/neuter) and return to field cats who are feral or ineligible for other live outcomes. Cats would be sterilized, vaccinated against rabies, ear-tipped for identification, and then returned to the location from where they were collected. Recent studies show that lost cats are 13 times more likely to find their way home if no action is taken rather than being turned into a shelter

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system, and “low-level culling” (allowing citizens to drop off trapped cats for euthanasia) increases, rather than decreases, the cat population in studied areas due to resource availability. Return to Field allows the impounded cats a live outcome from the shelter and assists in providing long-term solution for feral cat nuisance issues. Individuals dropping off cats will be asked to sign a release stating that one possible outcome of the cat could be Return to Field.

TCAS currently intakes approximately 2,500 cats annually, accounting for 35% of the shelter’s total intakes, but 50% of its annual euthanasia rates (1,550 cats). Each feral cat costs TCAS a total of \$50-60 to house, feed, and euthanize for an approximate total cost of approximately \$78,000 during Fiscal Year 2018/19. Through this pilot program, TCAS will be able to collect sufficient data to show the benefits of a program of this nature and the cost savings to the department.

This grant funded pilot program would significantly increase live release rates, eliminate antiquated practices, and keep TCAS in the forward-thinking progressive sheltering model that may lead to further funding and fruitful partnerships in the future.

As this is a grant agreement provided by the grantor, it deviates in form from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The significant, substantive deviations are that the County releases Best Friends from liability, and indemnifies Best Friends Animal Society against liability stemming from County’s use of the grant funds, including the obligation to pay Best Friends Animal Society’s litigation and attorney costs; and 2) County must sign first.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The grant agreement with Best Friends Animal Society is for funding in the amount of \$33,500 for a Return to Field Program for impounded feral cats for the period of September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020. The attached AUD-308 budget adjustment form increases grant revenues by \$33,500 and increases Professional & Specialized Services Expenses by \$30,000 and Specialized Departmental Expenses by \$3,500 for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County’s five-year plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness. By accepting this grant through Best Friends Animal Society, Animal Services will be able to assist our constituents in spaying and neutering community cats, decreasing euthanasia, and assisting in long-term solutions for issues with feral cats in communities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Robert C. Stewart  
Director of Fiscal Operations

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cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Best Friends Animal Society Grant Agreement  
AUD 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**INTHE MATTER OF APPROVE A  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH  
BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY**

) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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**AUD-308 - Budget Adjustment Form**

2:20 PM


09/05/19				03/20		2020	
Date		Document ID Number		Accounting Period		Budget Fiscal Year	
		HHSA		Mary Jungwirth		636-4058	
		Agency Name		Contact Person		Phone	
						Extension	

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #				LEVEL 1 Finish Here	Current Amount	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
C	001	142	142SSUP	Budget 19/20 has not been adopted yet therefore this information is not available at this time						
<b>Appropriations Total</b>							Need Not Equal Zero	-	-	-

Action** A,C,D	Fund	Dept	Appr #	Unit	Object	Rev	LEVEL 2 Start Here	Current Amt	Revised Amount	Inc / Dec Amt
A	001	142		6053		5850			33,500	(33,500)
C	001	142	142SSUP	6053	7043			89,200	119,200	30,000
C	001	142	142SSUP	6053	7066			73,034	76,534	3,500
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<b>Line Total</b>							Must Equal Zero	\$ 162,234	\$ 229,234	\$ -

Reason for Adjustment (To Avoid Correspondence, State Reason in Detail)

To establish a funding line for the Best Friends Grant for FY 19/20 and adjust expenses to reflect utilization of the grant funds.



Affected Dept Head Signature

Other Affected Dept Head Signature

Checked By: _____ County Executive Office Action: No. _____ Date: _____ ( ) Approved ( ) Disapproved	Entered By: _____ Date: _____ Distribution: 1: BOS/CAO/Auditor
By: _____ Board of Supervisors Action: No. _____ Date: _____	

**\*\* Action Codes: A=Add, C=Change, D=Deactivate**  
 \* Whenever a 93XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 94XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, **except for ISFs**  
 \* Whenever a 95XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 96XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa  
 \* Whenever a 97XX account budget is adjusted, a corresponding 98XX account budget must be adjusted in the billing agency, and vice versa

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