



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 02, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Kate O'Connor, Manager, Animal Care Services

Subject: Contract: Berkeley East Bay Humane Society for Veterinary Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society (BEBHS) for an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for in-house veterinary services for Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) for FY 2013 with an option to continue with the veterinary services for another two-year period. The extension of this contract will be for \$95,000 per year for FY 2014 & FY 2015 for a total not to exceed \$285,000 and subject to the city's annual appropriation process.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The contract will be for a one-year period with an option to continue with the veterinary services for another two-year period. The funds will be paid for with existing budgeted funds. The amount allocated per fiscal year shall not exceed \$95,000. Funding is allocated from the General Fund. FY 2014 and FY 2015 allocations are subject to Council approval.

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| General Fund | 010-0704-410-3038 | <u>\$95,000</u> |
| Total Budget | | \$95,000 |

CMS No. MUERF.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, BACS staff has to transport all animals requiring veterinary attention to and from private veterinary practices in the area. This process is extremely stressful for the animals, as well as time consuming for the Animal Control Officers thus impacting field services and also increasing gas expenses and wear and tear of the fleet vehicles.

BACS has a constant influx of animals that need to receive affordable veterinary care, treatment and spay and neuter services. Sick or Injured animals that obtain necessary procedures and/or treatment/s have a much better chance of rescue and adoption.

BACKGROUND

A request for proposals was initiated in July 2012 with the highest rating in the selection criteria process going to the BEBHS.

BEBHS is a local non-profit organization that already provides veterinary services to BACS at the Humane Society's Hospital. BEBHS also rescues dogs and cats from BACS freeing up space for the constant influx of animals at BACS. The aforementioned shelters are committed to maintaining a no-kill status, whereby no healthy and/or treatable animals in our target communities of Berkeley, Albany, Piedmont and Emeryville are euthanized.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

BEBHS is able to provide the majority of veterinary services for BACS animals at the clinic in the new animal shelter within the current budget.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative action was deemed feasible.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT: BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR VETERINARY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Berkeley East Bay Humane Society (BEBHS) is able to provide the majority of veterinary services for Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) animals at the clinic in the new animal shelter within the current budget; and

WHEREAS, currently BACS staff has to transport all animals requiring veterinary attention to and from private veterinary practices in the area increasing the stress on the animals; and

WHEREAS, being able to treat the animals at the clinic in the new shelter will reduce gas expenses, wear and tear on the vehicles and reduce field service impact; and

WHEREAS, BEBHS is a local non-profit organization that already provides veterinary services to BACS at the Humane Society's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was initiated with the highest rating in the selection criteria process going to the BEBHS; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budget in the General Fund, budget code 010-0704-410.30-38; CMS No. MUERF.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract and any amendments, with Berkeley Humane Society for veterinary services, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for FY 2013 with an option to continue with the veterinary services for another two-year period. The extension of this contract will be for \$95,000 per year for FY 2014 and FY 2015 for a total not to exceed \$285,000 and subject to the city's annual appropriation process. A record signature copy of said contract and any amendments to be on file in the City Clerk Department.

