

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 15, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **DAS Receives COVID-19 Relief Grant from PetSmart Charities**

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Dallas Animal Services' (DAS) long-time partner PetSmart Charities informed DAS leadership that its shelter had been selected to apply for an invitation-only COVID-19 Relief Grant. DAS staff submitted the grant application on May 7<sup>th</sup> and received a notification within hours of submission that PetSmart Charities was awarding DAS the maximum amount of \$20,000.

To ensure that this funding can be utilized quickly to support the shelter during the COVID-19 crisis response, staff are working to include the item on the May 27<sup>th</sup> City Council Agenda for consideration and approval. The grant funding will be primarily utilized to purchase pet food for the animals in foster homes and the City's shelter. Remaining funds, if any, may be used to assist with COVID-19 related facility updates, animal care, and cleaning supplies.

An update regarding this new funding opportunity was provided by Councilmember Blackmon during the Ad-Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Assistance meeting on this past Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Should you have any questions, please contact Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services.

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Assistant City Manager

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