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## Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

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**SUBJECT:** Governor Newsom's proposed \$50 million for animal shelter grants

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests discussion and possible action on Governor Newsom's proposal to appropriate \$50 million for animal shelter grants in the 2020-2021 State budget.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Governor Newsom has proposed an increase of \$50 million one-time funds to develop a grant program for animal shelters. The proposal includes direct funding opportunities for animal shelters, group trainings and summits, and online resources available to all shelters.

Public Works Director or a representative will be available to provide comment and answer questions on the proposal's potential impact to Napa County's animal shelter.

Because this issue is not explicitly in the State Platform, staff is requesting discussion and direction.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

### **Synopsis**

Governor Newsom has proposed an increase of \$50 million one-time General Fund for the University of California, Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to develop a grant program for animal shelters. The program will include interactive group training for approximately 100 shelters, selected on a voluntary basis and prioritized by need; California and regional best practices summits; and an online resource library available to all shelters.

### **Background**

According to the Koret Shelter Medicine Program at UC Davis, the entity responsible for administering these funds if passed, California was second only to Texas in the number of animals being euthanized in animal shelters. Currently, state policy requires that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat be euthanized at an animal shelter. The State stopped reimbursing local governments for some animal shelter costs during the recession and many local agencies are struggling to meet the policy ever since.

### **Status**

Proposed 2020-21 State Budget, as introduced on January 10, 2020 by Governor Brown.  
Budget Trailer bills: AB 1917 (Ting) and SB 808 (Mitchell)

### **Support and Opposition**

CSAC: no action  
RCRC: no action  
NACo: n/a  
Local: n/a

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

### **Platform: NO**

**Federal:** n/a  
**State:** n/a

### **Implications to Napa County and/or Departments**

Public Works Director or a representative will be available to provide comment and answer questions on potential impacts to Napa County's animal shelter.

### **Recommendation**

Because this issue is not explicitly in the 2020 State Legislative and Regulatory Platform staff requests direction by the subcommittee, which could be one of the following:

- 1) Make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support the Governor's proposal at a future Board of Supervisors meeting
- 2) Direct staff to monitor and bring back after the May revise and possibly provide a recommendation to the Board then
- 3) Take no action at this time

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan