

Condensed Title:

A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Commission Of The City Of Miami Beach, Florida, Approving And Authorizing The Mayor and City Clerk To Execute An Agreement Between The City Of Miami Beach, Florida, And The Cat Network, Inc., To Provide Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Services For Stray, Homeless And Abandoned Cats In The Estimated Amount Of \$80,000 over two years, Funded By The PetSmart Charities®; Said Agreement Approval Is Subject To The Successful Execution Of The Grant Agreement With PetSmart Charities®.

Key Intended Outcome Supported: Maximize efficient delivery of services

Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.): In the 2009 business and resident satisfaction surveys, 65% of businesses and 55% of residents rated the overall value of City services for tax dollars paid as "good" or "excellent."

Issue:

Whether the Mayor and City Commission should approve the agreement with the Cat Network?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

The Mayor and City Commission at its September 14, 2011 meeting, passed and adopted Resolution No. 2011-27007, which retroactively approved and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to PetSmart Charities® in the approximate amount of \$80,000 to fund the city's cat spay/neuter program. The free-roaming cat grant offered by PetSmart Charities® is intended to provide funding, strategic planning and mentoring for a comprehensive trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for free-roaming cats. The City applied for this grant in partnership with the Cat network. The goal is to build a program that is community-wide in scope, effective in reducing the local feral and stray cat population, efficient in its use of resources, measurable in impact and sustainable over a period of years to come.

The City has been collaborating with the Cat Network for approximately two (2) years to address animal issues in the community, namely spay and neutering of pets. Over these years, the City and the Cat Network have held monthly spay and neutering events, yielding an average of 40 surgeries per event. The goal of both the City and the Cat Network is to sterilize 1000 cats per year for two consecutive years. In September 26, 2010, The Cat Network began receiving the City's annual allocation for the sterilization of stray and feral cats. Since September 26, 2010, 715 stray and feral cats in Miami Beach have been spayed using these funds, as well as a grant from a charitable foundation and donations. The Cat Network is dedicated to reducing the overpopulation of stray and feral cats in South Florida through the humane practice of sterilization, vaccination, and release.

On October 18, 2011, the City received notification from PetSmart Charities® that it was selected to receive the grant funding. The total grant is for \$80,000, or \$40,000 for each year of this two-year grant. City staff has been working with the City Attorney's office on the contract execution. Once the grant agreement with PetSmart Charities® is executed, the City would be able to start expending funds. It is necessary to have an agreement in place with the Cat Network for such. **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CAT NETWORK, SUBJECT TO THE CITY'S EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH PETSMAART CHARITIES®.**

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Financial Information:

Source of Funds:	Amount	Account
n/a	1 \$80,000	Funded By The PetSmart Charities® Subject To The Successful Execution Of The Grant Agreement With PetSmart Charities®.

Financial Impact Summary:

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Lynn Bernstein, 6178

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager
GL _____	HF <i>[Signature]</i>	JMG <i>[Signature]</i>

T:\AGENDA\2012\1-11-12\CatNetworkItemSummary.docx





MIAMI BEACH

City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND THE CAT NETWORK, INC., TO PROVIDE LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES FOR STRAY, HOMELESS AND ABANDONED CATS; IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$80,000 OVER TWO YEARS, FUNDED BY THE PETSMAST CHARITIES® GRANT TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; SAID AGREEMENT APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PETSMAST CHARITIES®**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING

Funds in the amount of \$80,000 are available from the PetSmart Charities® Grant.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and City Commission at its September 14, 2011 meeting, passed and adopted Resolution No. 2011-27007, which retroactively approved and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to PetSmart Charities® in the approximate amount of \$80,000 to assist in funding the City's feral cat spay/neuter program. The City submitted an application to PetSmart Charities® for funding to continue and expand the current feral cat spay/neuter program that is being implemented with the Cat Network.

The free-roaming cat grant offered by PetSmart Charities® is intended to provide funding, strategic planning and mentoring for a comprehensive trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for free-roaming cats. The goal is to build a program that is community-wide in scope, effective in reducing the local feral and stray cat population, efficient in its use of resources, measurable in impact and sustainable over a period of years to come.

CAT NETWORK

The Cat Network, Inc. (CN) is a 501(c)3, incorporated in December 1995 and is dedicated to reducing the overpopulation of stray and feral cats in South Florida through the humane practice of sterilization, vaccination, and return. It also dedicated to providing low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; helping members in their efforts to place adoptable cats in loving homes; and advocating non-lethal population control and humane public policy.

The Cat Network is the only local organization that does this service routinely and on the scale required by the City's program. As a non-profit volunteer organization, Cat Network is absorbing all the costs other than the surgery itself – the biggest cost being trapping, but also includes expenses such as gas, insurance, medications and materials. The costs associated with the Cat Network's services for spay/neutering will be funded by PetSmart Charities®.

The City has been collaborating with the Cat Network for approximately two (2) years to address animal issues in the community, namely spay and neutering of feral cats. Over these years, the City and the Cat Network have held monthly spay and neutering events, yielding an average of 40 surgeries per event.

The Cat Network first brought its mobile surgical unit, the Miami Meow Mobile, to Miami Beach in March 2009 providing low cost spay and neuter services to Miami Beach for pets, strays and feral cats. For the past two years, the Cat Network has been receiving the City's annual allocation that has been identified to sterilize stray and feral cats (\$5,000). Since September 26, 2010, the Cat Network has sterilized 715 stray and feral cats in Miami Beach using the fund allocated by the City, a grant from a charitable foundation and donations.

In addition to the City funding, the Cat Network secures other resources to fund the costs of the spay/neuter mobile unit used to provide this service (and the reduced fee charged by the Veterinarian). The City has worked closely with the Cat Network to identify dates, locations (for the placement of the mobile unit, as well as storage of trapped and treated cats) and additional funds to expand this effort. The goal of both the City and the Cat Network has been to secure funding to sterilize 1000 cats per year. The PetSmart Charities® Grant program was identified as an opportunity to continue the partnership between the City and Cat Network to this reach this goal. The City applied for this grant in partnership with the Cat Network.

On October 11, 2011 the City received notification that it has been selected to receive the requested grant amount (\$40,000 per year for two years, or a total of \$80,000). Staff has been working with the City Attorney's office on the particulars of the grant agreement. Once the grant agreement with PetSmart Charities® is executed, the City would be able to start expending funds. It is necessary to have an agreement in place with the Cat Network for such.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Pursuant to the grant application, the Cat Network will perform the following activities:

- Identify and secure veterinarians to provide low cost (max of \$45) spay/neuter services
- Schedule, in coordination with the City of Miami Beach, at least two (2) spay/neuter events each month
 - Work with City to identify location to park Spay/Neuter Mobile Unit
 - Work with City to identify storage needs
- Coordinate volunteer efforts for trapping
 - Develop training program for volunteers
 - Coordinate volunteer efforts for each spay/neuter event
- Provide, as available, traps to be used by volunteers
- Secure additional medications necessary for spay/neuter events, as well as to address common feral cat illnesses
- Promote, in coordination with the City of Miami Beach, the bi-monthly spay/neuter events, including placement of the spay/neuter events in the Cat Network Website.
- Provide monthly reports to the City on the number of spays/neuters performed the prior month, and since grant inception and all other documents and reports, as required by the grant.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement between the City of Miami Beach, Florida, and Cat Network, Inc., to provide low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; in the estimated amount of \$80,000, funded by the PetSmart Charities®. The execution of the Agreement between the City and the Cat Network would be subject to the execution of the grant agreement between the City and PetSmart Charities®.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION WAIVING, BY 5/7THS VOTE, THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAT NETWORK, INC., TO PROVIDE LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES FOR STRAY, HOMELESS AND ABANDONED CATS; HELPING MEMBERS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PLACE ADOPTABLE CATS IN LOVING HOMES; AND ADVOCATING NON-LETHAL POPULATION CONTROL AND HUMANE PUBLIC POLICY, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$80,000, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE PET SMART CHARITIES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PET SMART CHARITIES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission, at its September 14, 2011 meeting, adopted Resolution No. 2011-27007, which retroactively approved and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to PetSmart Charities, in the approximate amount of \$80,000, to fund the City's cat spay/neuter program; and

WHEREAS, the free-roaming cat grant offered by PetSmart Charities is intended to provide funding, strategic planning and mentoring for a comprehensive trap-neuter-return program for free-roaming cats; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to build a program that is community-wide in scope, effective in reducing the local feral and stray cat population, efficient in its use of resources, measurable in impact and sustainable over a period of years to come; and

WHEREAS, the City has been collaborating with Cat Network, Inc. for approximately two (2) years to address animal issues in the community; namely spay and neutering of pets; and

WHEREAS, the Cat Network is dedicated to providing low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; helping members in their efforts to place adoptable cats in loving homes; and advocating non-lethal population control and humane public policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement with the Cat Network, in the amount of \$80, 000, will be subject to the execution of the grant agreement with Pet Smart Charities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby waive, by 5/7ths vote, the competitive bidding requirements, finding such waiver to be in the best interest of the City, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with the Cat Network, Inc., to provide low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; helping members in their efforts to place adoptable cats in loving homes; and advocating non-lethal population control and humane public policy, in the estimated annual amount of \$80,000, to be funded through a grant from the PetSmart Charities; provided, however, that approval and execution of said agreement shall be subject to execution of the grant agreement with Pet Smart charities.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2011.

ATTEST:

ROBERT E. PARCHER, CITY CLERK
T:\AGENDA\2011\12-14-11\CatNetworkdReso.docx

MAYOR MATTI HERRERA BOWER

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK