


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kate Newman, Acting County Manager 

RE: Foothills Animal Shelter Revenue Shortfall Funded Through American Rescue Plan

DATE: February 21, 2023

Staff Recommendation:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, H.R. 1319, 117th Cong. ("ARPA"), a \$1.9 trillion stimulus fund of which \$130 billion was established for a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, including approximately \$65 billion for payment to counties; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has been awarded \$113.2 million in ARPA funds from the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, each of the projects listed in Table 1 below has been determined by the County to be allowable under ARPA and has received all required preliminary County approvals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners approves the use of ARPA funds to provide funding to Foothills Animal Shelter, complying with the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Cities of Arvada, Lakewood, Wheatridge, Golden, Westminster and Edgewater, approved January 12, 2022, ensuring that Jefferson County will provide payment to cover any difference between the county's 2023 assessment due to the animal shelter and the revenue generated by animal licenses.

Resolution No. CC23-047

Background: Jefferson County entered into an amended and restated IGA with Foothills Animal Shelter on January 12, 2022. For the 2023 budget year, the county owes an additional \$93,410 to fully pay the county's assessment due to declining dog license revenue that is used to offset the amount the county owes. The total contribution the county is responsible for is \$465,327 and is reduced by the amount of dog license revenue collected for unincorporated Jeffco, i.e., \$165,483. Historically dog license revenue has been above 20% of the population registering their dogs. Over the past few years dog license revenue has declined and the county is responsible for the difference. Last year the county was responsible for \$206K and the current budget was set for \$206K. Since the amount due is more and there is not underspend available to use towards this, American

Rescue funds are needed to cover the difference.

Fiscal Impact: The financial breakdown is provided in the table below. The county's total assessment for 2023 is \$465,327. Dog licensing revenue received comes to \$165,483, leaving a net amount due of \$299,844. Jefferson County currently has \$206,434 set aside in the 2023 budget, leaving a balance due of \$93,410. Staff recommends use of American Rescue Plan funding to cover the \$93,410.

There is no impact to the county's TABOR fiscal year spending limit because the revenue source is a federal grant.

County's total assessment 2023	\$465,327
Dog License Revenue	\$165,483
Net Amount Due	\$299,844
Jeffco 2023 Budgeted Amount	\$206,434
Additional Amount to be funded with ARPA	\$ 93,410

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