

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ANIMAL SHELTER & CONTROL GREATERGOOD.ORG \$10,000 GRANT

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Animal Shelter & Control (AASC) has been selected to receive a Pedigree Shelter Renovation Project Grant from GreaterGood.org. This grant will provide \$5,000 in funding for supplies and renovations and an additional \$5,000 worth of Pedigree Brand Dog Food. One grant is awarded in each of 48 states and the AASC was selected for Iowa.

GreaterGood.org is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the health and well-being of people, pets and the planet. They support thousands of shelters and rescue groups all over the world through various programs aimed at improving the lives of homeless pets as well as the lives of shelter workers and volunteers. They work with creative solutions to increase adoption and the retention of pets in their homes.

Animal Shelter & Control staff has identified a need to renovate and secure the canine play and exercise yards that are adjacent to the Animal Shelter. The supplies and renovation portion of the grant would be used to purchase and install fencing materials. The estimated cost of the fencing materials and supplies will not exceed the \$5,000 renovation project grant. There is no local financial match required with this grant. Enhancing the exercise and play yard will help to ensure that the area is safe for our shelter volunteers, customers, staff members and dogs.

Staff is required to provide a written grant report supplemented by photographs and adoption success stories within six months of the receipt of the grant.

Should Council approve acceptance of this grant, shelter and community volunteers will be organized for the renovation project to take place on Sunday, July 20, 2014.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the grant and authorize Animal Shelter & Control staff to work with GreaterGood.org to fulfill the goals of the Shelter Renovation Project.
2. Do not accept the grant and notify GreaterGood.org.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Maintaining and securing the dog exercise and play yard is an important part of the enhancements being made at the Ames Animal Shelter. This grant will help to accomplish these goals without any cost to the City. The pet food donation will actually help to reduce the General Fund cost of providing food for the animals in our care.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Pedigree Shelter Renovation Project Grant from GreaterGood.org and authorizing staff to work with GreaterGood.org to fulfill the goals of the Shelter Renovation Project.