



Program #90008B - Animal Health Professional Services FY 2025 Adopted

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Erin Grahek
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs: 90008
Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Multnomah County Animal Services (MCAS) has a number of significant contracts with Community Partners that are an integral part of the 24/7 services that we provide. These contracts live within a number of our program areas including Animal Health, Animal Care and Field Services. The use of these contracts has become more and more critical as the population within the shelter has grown, as the critical shortage of animal health professionals has continued and as our community has grown in complexity with limited resources. The current budget for professional services is not able to keep pace with the need, resulting in this program offer for additional funds.

Program Description

Animal Welfare, as an industry, is experiencing significant workforce shortages, nationwide. This is true at MCAS as well. Additionally, shelters, including MCAS are seeing an increase in their pet population, specifically medium and large dogs. These two issues create challenges to meet the needs for spay and neuter services. The ability to perform all needed spay and neuter surgeries prior to adoption is limited due to staffing capacity or capacity for care. Shelters have had to develop creative approaches to meeting this need, either pre or post adoption.

MCAS provides vouchers for spay/neuter surgery to all new adopters, if the pet that they are adopting has not been spayed or neutered. We continue to explore ways to meet the surgical need pre-adoption, as it is a best practice. Additionally, we have several contracts that support our 24/7 operation, both from a medical and field service perspective. For example, contractors provide after hours medical care for stray or injured pets, as well as specialty or routine medical services at times that MCAS animal health staff have limited capacity.

The contracts MCAS has with community vet clinics support the work of the MCAS Animal Health program and the needs of the community to maximize ownership of pets that are spayed and neutered. The increase of need for this support and the number of pets in our care necessitates this request. In the current FY this need is being met through these contracts and contracts are being funded with underspending and donations funds. This program requests reflects a more sustainable model to fund an on-going need

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of pets treated by Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital (new)	N/A	N/A	720	720

Performance Measures Descriptions

This program offer funds medical interventions for pets in care that exceed the current animal shelter's capacity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$300,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: