

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: August 12, 2014
Subject: Authorization to submit an application to the Petco Foundation for Animal Control equipment

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the Petco Foundation for a grant for Animal Control agencies that provide field support services.

BACKGROUND:

The Petco Foundation's mission is to raise the quality of life for pets and people who love and need them. The Petco Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that supports other IRS (Internal Revenue Service) designated non-profit pet-related groups as well as municipal/governmental agencies and educational institutions involved in animal causes. The Petco Foundation currently has a grant opportunity available to all Animal Control Agencies and non-profit organizations responsible for animal control field support and sheltering services. Requests from government organizations must be focused on increasing lifesaving efforts. Grant applications must be submitted on-line by September 10, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Animal Control Officer has researched a slide-in animal control unit with 6 stalls and a front storage area that can be installed on the current Animal Control truck bed. This unit provides added safety for the animals, allows for six dogs to be transported at once (versus the current capability of two), and provides more sanitary conditions for the animals. This equipment would be especially helpful in times of disaster or when multiple animals need transport. The estimated cost including delivery of this equipment is \$7,300.00. No match is required for this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department recommends that City Council authorize submission of a grant application to the Petco Foundation for a slide-in animal control unit as described above.

The City Council may:

1. authorize submission of an application to the Petco Foundation for animal control equipment as described above;
2. authorize submission of a grant application to the Petco Foundation for other equipment; or
3. disapprove submission of a grant application at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A