

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	<b>33</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-0350</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant program to support the construction of a new Animal Control and Care Facility.

### SYNOPSIS:

In 2019, the City contracted with Hartman Trapp Architectural Studio to design a new animal shelter. The current shelter is almost 30 years old with 6,100 square feet. The facility experiences sewer issues during flood events and the intake of animals has increased steadily over the last few years creating issues of overcrowding. The City Council approved \$7.3 million in the Capital Improvement Program Plan (FY 2018-2019 through 2023-2024.) This includes all costs associated with project including design and staff work. Due to several circumstances including higher than anticipated construction costs and a desire not to reduce the save of the project, the estimated cost of the new facility will likely exceed this amount.

The Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant program application in the amount of \$1,000,000 would assist with construction costs to allow the facility to be built to house animal control services, pet adoption, veterinary care, and outside green space, as well as an educational and training room.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,000,000 (revenue)

Funding Source: FY 2020-2025 Adopted Capital Improvement Plan: Municipal Building Improvements, = Animal Control Facility (BL130)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The current building was constructed almost 30 years ago and no longer offers adequate space to shelter animal that have been impounded; additionally, overcrowding in the current facility poses concerns for the safety of shelter employees and the well-being of the animals.
- The City has included funds in the FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan and proposed FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan to construct the new facility. The application to Prairie Meadows would help ensure the facility would have enough space and be well equipped to meet the needs of animal control, as well as expanded animal care services.

- The City will own the new highly visible facility and will continue to contract with the ARL to provide animal control and care services.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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