

Memo to File

RE: Topping Committee Meeting

DA: May 29, 2020

BY: Jack Hobbs, County Administrator

At 10:00 AM today I met in the Moore Building conference room (110 N. Main Street) with Clay Jackson, Amber Foster and Greg Cave of the Topping Committee; member Annette Dodson was absent.

There was a discussion on a cat spay and neuter funding request by Madison Community Cats organization with Gary Misch and Laurie Counts. There was a long discussion on the County's relationships with individuals interested in animal welfare and the animal shelter. By consensus the committee agreed to recommend funding for Madison Community Cats as per the attached document that is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The process of developing policies for the animal shelter and animal control was discussed.

The group asked Mr. Cave to develop a proposal for additional fencing and paving of outdoor animal holding areas for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:18 AM.

Madison Community Cats Grant from the Topping Fund
Proposed May 29, 2020

Contacts:

The funding applicant is Madison Community Cats

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Program summary:

First-time funding for a cat spay & neuter program

Conditions/points of understanding:

1. Funding will be used only for spay/neuter of cats found in and from Madison County (i.e. not payroll, transportation, cat food, litter, other cat medical expenses, etc.)
2. Funding will be for cats above the 219 cats spayed/neutered last year (i.e. this funding is for additional cats, and Topping funds will not be used to supplant existing funding)
3. No visibly sick or injured cats will be spayed/neutered
4. Funding is not available for this program from tax-generated funds. The source of monies is the Topping Fund.
5. The program would benefit Madison County and the Madison County Animal Shelter by:
 - a. Having fewer cats enter the shelter due to spay/neuter diversion and fewer litters of unwanted kittens
 - b. Reduce the County's feral cat population
 - c. Reduce the number of calls for Animal Control services
6. Funds will be released by Madison County to Madison Community Cats on a reimbursement basis based on bills from veterinarian not more than quarterly. Appropriate documentation verifying compliance with all conditions and understandings is to accompany the reimbursement request.
7. Funding is limited to \$60.00 per individual cat, not to exceed \$1,00 total, for cats treated between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
8. Additional Topping funds may be requested by Madison Community Cats and such requests will be evaluated by the Topping Committee based on availability of funding and the general success of the initial funding grant.