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Greetings Mayor and Council

Please find below questions and answers regarding the Animal Welfare Grants:

**What is the annual grant allocation? If it isn't a fixed/set amount annually, why not?**

The annual Grant Allocation for 2019 is \$11,471 and has been increased slightly each year with inflation adjustment. This is a fixed amount, and is allocated within the City's annual budget. In 2009, Council increased the grant from \$5,000 to \$10,400, and it has generally increased yearly by inflation. Since 2009, the grant has been awarded in various amounts depending on the ask from each organization and the demands in the community.

**What have the grant allocations been year over year? (2008 through to 2019)**

	TOTAL
2008	\$4,995.00
2009	\$10,400.00
2010	\$10,400.00
2011	\$10,600.00
2012	\$7,125.00
2013	\$10,600.00
2014	\$0.00
2015	\$20,600.00
2016	\$10,600.00
2017	\$11,247.00
2018	\$11,471.99
2019	\$11,701.00

Council directed staff to award the grant to the amount of the applic

In 2014, due to an administrative delay, the grant was not awarded

Proposed

**How did staff determine the recommended amounts of \$5448 and \$6253 respectively? Was it simply that only \$11,701 was allocated for 2019 and so the amount was split between the organizations?**

- Staff looked at non-profit organisations who had made the greatest contribution to animal welfare and the greatest impact to those animals where the Vancouver Animal Shelter could not provide that type of care to that degree. GreyHaven was awarded the specific ask amount outlined in their application which totaled \$5,448. This amount was identified for bird food and disinfectant. The remaining amount left in the grant (\$6,253) was allocated to VOKRA to support Vancouver cats. The combined amounts total the entire \$11,701.

- The objective of the Grant is to provide financial aid to credible non-profit organizations that serve Vancouver.
- The Vancouver Animal Shelter was built as a traditional dog kennel, but Animal Services is often called out by residents and the VPD to respond to incidents involving other animals, especially birds, small mammals and wildlife.
- These animals may be impounded at the municipal shelter until more appropriate spaces are available at the BCSPCA, Wildlife Rescue Association and other animal rescue organizations.
- The Animal Welfare Grant is a valuable financial aid provided to these organizations to offset their costs of assisting the City on cases where the City is unable to provide further service.

Best

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