

10. GRANTS-IN-AID: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETIES FOR 2022/2023

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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain the approval of the Council, to make funds available to Animal Welfare Societies in Overstrand.

2. Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan - IGNITE

Directorate: Protection and Security Services
Protection and Security Services
Law Enforcement

3. Compliance with Strategic Priorities

Provision of democratic, accountable and ethical governance
Creation and maintenance of a safe and healthy environment

4. Delegated Authority

None

5. Legal Requirements

Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003
Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2022/2023
Overstrand Grant-in-Aid Polity

6. Background/Discussion/Evaluation/Conclusion

Background

The municipality previously awarded a contract for the PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR IMPOUNDED CATS AND DOGS IN THE OVERSTRAND AREA FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2022, in order to accommodate dogs and cats impounded by law enforcement officials as empowered by the Overstrand Municipality By-law relating to the keeping of Dogs and Cats, P.N. 6540/2008.

It was however considered to allocate grant-in-aid funding to Animal Welfare Societies as listed to ensure that the Animal Welfare service is rendered in accordance with the By-law.

Section 67 of the MFMA requires a municipality to ensure that certain conditions and criteria are met before funds are transferred to an organisation outside any sphere of government, otherwise than in compliance with a commercial transaction.

The Grant-in-Aid Policy (hereafter the Policy) provides the restrictions, application requirements, and the eligible categories. Grants-in-Aid are limited in terms of the Policy to circumstances where it is reasonable and necessary for or incidental to the functions of a municipality as set out in section 156 of the Constitution, read with parts B of Schedules 4 and 5 of the same.

The objective of the Policy is to complement the goals, objectives, programmes, and actions of the Overstrand Municipality to create a sustainable, credible, and caring municipality by empowering and building communities for growth enhancement and sharing through partnerships. This should provide the opportunity for the municipality to elicit the support of external Societies to deliver services that fall within the Municipality's area of responsibility and to achieve the objectives of the Municipal business plan as outlined in the Integrated Development Plan.

The Policy applies to all transfers of grants made by the Municipality. The total expenditure on grants may not exceed the budgeted amount of 0,1% of the operational budget of the Municipality.

Clause 5.3 of the Grants-in-Aid Policy state as follows: "No transfer may be made which exceeds R100 000 per organisation or body per annum, except for allocations to organizations which in terms of an agreement, perform a municipal function on behalf of the Municipality. In such case, these grants will be determined annually when the Municipality's budget is approved by Council". Council thus needs to consider a deviation from the above clauses should it approve the grant-in-aid.

Discussion

Council's permission is required to deviate from the policy to make the following budget allocations to the recommended beneficiaries for the 2022/2023 financial year:

1. HAWS (Hermanus Animal Welfare Society)	R200,000.00
2. KAWS (Kleinmond Animal Welfare Society)	R100,000.00
3. BARC (Birkenhead Animal Rescue Centre)	R100,000.00
4. SAWS (Stanford Animal Welfare Society)	<u>R100,000.00</u>
	<u>R500,000.00</u>

Grants-in-Aid will in this instance be utilized for expenses related to the care, shelter or medical services, including:

- Sterilization of impounded dogs and cats.
- Euthanasia of impounded dogs and cats.

- Parasite control of impounded dogs and cats.
- Veterinary treatment.
- Feral entrapment of wild cats.
- Education and outreach programs for cat and dog owners.
- Training or placing companion animals for people with mobility or therapeutic needs.

7. Financial Implications

Unique Key	:	2022/23 reference
Cost Account	:	2022/23 reference
Item Description	:	Animal Care
Budget Provision 2022/23 (Draft budget)	:	R500,000.00

8. Staff Implications

None

9. Comments from other Departments, Divisions and Administrations

None

10. Annexures

None

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL:

1. that the necessary deviations from the Grants-in-Aid Policy be approved to enable budget provision (2022/23) to the following beneficiaries:

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2. that the Service Level Agreements be concluded with the respective Animal Welfare Societies.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

R FRASER

TARGET DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

01 JULY 2022