

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor & Town Council
From: Jordan Gumbish, Finance and Accounting Supervisor

Date: September 9, 2020
Meeting Date: September 15, 2020

Subject: Acceptance of Clark Bequest

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council:

1. Adopt the Resolution 20-XX accepting the bequest as a beneficiary of Clark financial asset;
2. Direct staff to provide the necessary accounting procedures to ensure that the funds are used to benefit the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division;
3. Review and approve the expenditure plan for the funds donated and delegate authority to the Town Manager to transfer funds among the categories as needs arise;
4. Amend the FY20/21 General Fund budget to allocate the receipt of funds and the corresponding approved expenditures in the amount of \$13,517.14.

Order of Procedure

Staff Report
Receive Public Comment
Council Discussion/Questions of Staff
Motion/Second
Discussion on Motion
Call the Question

Discussion

In April 2020, Town staff received notification that the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control had been named beneficiary to the financial account of Ms. Ruth Clark, a deceased Yucca Valley resident. Ms. Clark has been a supporter and volunteer at the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and Control.

Staff investigated the matter to determine whether the Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division was the rightful recipient of the bequest. It was made evident that a will or trust was not documented and the resident's Power of Attorney provided the required documents for the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control to receive the designated funds from the resident's financial institution. Upon review with the Town's Attorney office and the financial institution it was determined that the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division was the rightful recipient of the bequest for a total distribution of \$13,517.14.

Staff has reviewed the needs of the Animal Care and Control Division and has determined the

best recommended use of the funds. The recommended expenditure plan for the donated funds is as follows:

Expenditure Plan

Animal Control Kennel Purchase:	\$11,500.00
Spay/neuter voucher program:	\$2,017.14
Total Bequest:	\$13,517.14

Alternatives

None recommended.

Fiscal Impact

The recommended action will result in the donated funds being reserved and utilized for the specific Animal Care and Control Division's program and projects identified.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING BEQUEST FROM RUTH CLARK

Whereas, in April 2020, Town staff received notification that Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division had been named beneficiary to the financial account of Ms. Ruth Clark (“Ms. Clark”), a deceased Yucca Valley resident; and

Whereas, staff investigated the matter to determine whether Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division was the rightful recipient of the bequest in the amount of \$13,517.14, and Ms. Clark’s Power of Attorney provided the required documents for the Town of Yucca Valley to receive the designated funds from the resident’s financial institution; and

Whereas Government Code Section 37354 provides that the Town Council may accept or reject any bequest made to or for the Town, and may hold and dispose of the bequest for such uses as are prescribed in the terms of the bequest; and

Whereas, Staff has reviewed the needs of the Animal Care and Control Division and has determined the best recommended use of the funds is for the purchase of kennels and the continued operation of the spay/neuter voucher program.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley, California as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Government Code section 37354, the Town of Yucca Valley accepts the bequest from Ms. Ruth Clark in the amount of \$13,517.14 to be used by the Town of Yucca Valley Animal Care and Control Division. The bequest shall be used in accordance with the following expenditure plan:

Animal Control Kennel Purchase:	\$11,500.00
Spay/neuter voucher program:	\$2,017.14
Total Bequest:	\$13,517.14

SECTION 2. The Town Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents necessary to accept the bequest or carry out the intent of this Resolution. The Town Manager is authorized to make minor deviations from the expenditure plan set forth in this Resolution, provided all funds received through the bequest are used for the benefit of Yucca Valley Animal Control.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the Town Clerk this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS JEX, TOWN ATTORNEY