

EVANSTON

Cook County Animal Shelter Grant Program



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COOK COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM

- **Funded at \$8 million to be disbursed to two or more animal shelters**
- **Used for capital improvements only**
- **Maximum grant level not designated**
- **Requires the City to enter into a long-term contract to receive and process impounded Cook County animals**

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER

- **City of Evanston owns an animal shelter building at 2310 Oakton Street. The City is responsible for all maintenance and repairs at the existing facility.**
- **The Evanston Animal Shelter Association (EASA) is contracted to operate the shelter.**



EASA OPERATIONS

- **City of Evanston provides partial funding to EASA**
 - **\$65,000/year for 2 full-time employees**
 - **\$35,000/year for supply costs**
- **Actual EASA Budget = \$300,000**



EASA OPERATIONS

- **EASA processes over 570 animals/year**
- **Shelter is staffed 14 shifts per week using 175 volunteers**
- **Foster homes house majority of the animals**
 - **In 2019, 169 homes hosted 343 animals**



EASA OPERATIONS

- **EASA operates multiple programs for residents to keep animals in their homes and out of the shelter**

Custodial Program

Cares for animals during short-term housing crisis

Food Pantry

Redistributes donated food and litter to those in need

Senior Safety Net

Financial assistance to seniors for routine animal medical care

More Than a Shelter Clinic

Provides free rabies vaccinations and microchips

Rescue Readers and Junior Volunteers

Engages young people

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER STUDY - PROCESS

- **Original shelter built in 1973 as a short-term impound facility for dogs only.**
- **In 2017, staff raised concerns about deficiencies of the existing shelter to support current operations**
- **City Council directed in-house study to determine needs/upgrades for animal shelter.**
- **Working with the Animal Welfare Board and EASA, staff toured other facilities, reviewed building code and determined best practices in animal shelters**

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER STUDY - FINDINGS

- **Limited capacity for dogs and cats**
- **No separate intake area for animals being dropped off**
- **No isolation area for sick dogs and cats in main building**
- **Minimal adoption facilities**
- **Lack of windows and natural light**
- **Inadequate storage and support facilities (i.e. kitchen size too small)**
- **No space for in-house medical procedures**

EVANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER STUDY – FINDINGS (CONTINUED)

- Inadequate HVAC design
 - No individual zones
 - Uneven temperature distribution
- No fire sprinkler system

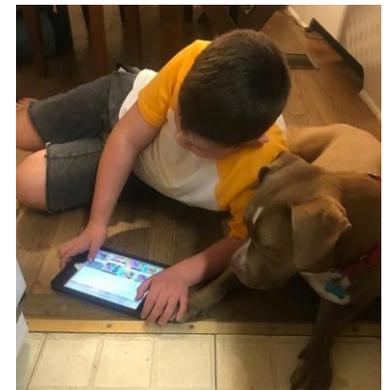
CONCLUSION: Existing building cannot be brought up to standards without substantial capital investment and increase in size.

ESTIMATED COST: \$6 million

COOK COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION

- **Staff is recommending City Council authorize applying for the Cook County Animal Shelter Grant**

Funding Source	Amount
Cook County Animal Shelter Grant Program	\$4,500,000
Evanston Animal Shelter Association	\$ 500,000
City of Evanston	\$1,000,000
Total	\$6,000,000



SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL CHANGES

- **EASA would fund raise for capital improvement if allowed via contract amendment**
- **EASA would potentially need up to two additional part-time staff persons and would cover these costs**
- **Evanston and EASA would negotiate and enter into a long-term agreement to accept Cook County impounded animals (estimated 150 animals / year)**
- **A contract for part-time onsite vet operations would be needed to meet Cook County requirements**

TIMELINE

- **2/24/20** Resolution for application for grant
- **2/28/20** Grant application due
- **4/20 – 6/20** Potential grantees notified, negotiations on grant details and long term contracts
- **09/20 – 05/21** Planning and Design
- **6/21 – 5/22** Construction
- **6/22** New Animal Shelter in Service (earliest date)