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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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8.2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS AND TO AMEND THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET. 18 - 30

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8.3. A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED MISSION, AND VISION STATEMENT AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES 31 - 35

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9. PUBLIC INPUT

10. CHAIR AND BOARD COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY
April 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Manuel Sanchez - Chairperson
Gennifer Gates - Vice-Chair
Patrick Peck - Board Member
Christopher Schaljo-Hernandez – Board Member
Mary Lou Ward - Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Angela Buehling Garner - Board Member
Becky Corran - Board Member
Michael Harris - Board Member
Sonya Delgado - Ex-Officio Member

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance (9:00 a.m.):** Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order.

   ALL STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. **Determination of Quorum:** A quorum was determined to be present.

3. **Acceptance of the Agenda:** Chair Sanchez stated he does have to leave at 9:45. The 5.1 agenda item is removed. Move 7, Action Items ahead of the Reports/Presentations. Motion by Board Member Sanchez, second by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

   Chair Sanchez welcomed Executive Director Stephanie Lewis to her first official meeting.

4. **Minutes for Approval**

   4.1 **Approval of the Minutes from the ASCMV Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting held on January 22, 2026:** Motion by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez, second by Board Member Peck. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Action Items:**

   7.1 **A resolution to amend the fiscal year (FY) 2026 annual budget for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV):** Motion by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez:, second by Board Member Peck.

The ASCMV received a quite large donation, that took three years in the making. This is just adding in that revenue.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2 A resolution adopting the recommended fiscal year 2026-2027 annual budget for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) on April 23, 2026: Motion by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez, second by Board Member Peck.

Stephanie Lewis stated last years' budget was at $5.433 million, we are now asking for $5.899, which is an 8.6% increase. This is due to an increase in wages based on a merit system appraisals for the staff members, 0-4%. Also added about 3% allocated to various cost increases in conjunction with the CPI increases. They are adding an electronic web app timeclock system, with initial cost startup but in the long run should cut down on expenses. At present they are still using manual Excel sheets. Their budget does have lots of cost savings. And they are also searching for grants. Salary and wages up 9%. Travel is down and rely more on online training and free resources. Insurance is up. The executive director proposed budget, the wages and salary is up because the position has been vacant for almost a year. Also still paying Liz on the interim scale until October. Medical director increased supplies and decreased the cost of services - vaccines, surgery equipment, disinfectant. Kennel director services is up. Administrative ops for which services and supplies are located, a 50% increase as moving around some of the purchasing to centralize, and better manage the budget and have ordering go through one area to look at some cost savings. There is a 2% general wage increase, which is the 0-4% merit increase with the appraisal system. Insurance premiums have gone up for next year.

The proposed revenue, expect to bring in $4.591,930. None of the proposed grants are listed. They are always applying grants almost on a weekly basis. Did apply for the second round funding from the New Mexico Grant to pay for the remodel of one of the areas to make it a surgical suite. Having two surgical suites would help increase revenue also. They are taking $866,000 out of the fund balance. They do not anticipate having to use it. The city and county contributions went down slightly but should be fine.

Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez glad to hear that grants are being applied for regularly. Chair Sanchez questioned the county's lower contribution. Stephanie Lewis stated as the city was reducing, and since historically the city and county do things similar it was just lowered. The county has not completed their budget, but right now they are not looking at reducing the ASCMV contribution. Vanessa Perez, budget analyst, stated the city and county portion always match, 50/50. Her understanding is that Sonya Delgado was reaching out to the county for discussions. She will contact everyone to be sure everyone is on the same page. Chair Sanchez's concern is they are eating into the fund balance and the proposed budget would leave a fund balance of just over $27,000. An adjustment to the budget can be made upon county's completion of their budget. Board Member Gates stated she would prefer to amend right now. Board Member Peck stated looking at the JPA, section 8 under financial contributions, number four, the parties intend to each pay 50% the center's net operating budget, so not must or may. He disagrees to amend the budget, as it can be a simple budget adjustment. Important to get this done today to get it into the city's budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 A resolution authorizing the Governing Board for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley to accept the annual financial report for the year ending June 30, 2025: Motion by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez, second by Board Member Peck.

Josh Saffell introduced Jesse Olivar with the audit firm Pattillo, Brown & Hill, he will present the summary of the ACFR and audit. He thanked accounting department and all the assistance and hard work of the ASCMV staff. Jesse Olivar stated their job as auditors is to express and opinion on whether the financial statements are presented in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The ASCMV received an unmodified opinion. This is the cleanest opinion that you can receive. They do not test everything, but test samples. From the samples they determine the audit process, audit procedures and if there are any issues. There were no significant audit adjustments and no uncorrected audit adjustments. The revenue increased approximately $300,000 related to the matching from the city and county. Expenditures have increased about $200,000 primarily due to personnel expenditures..

Board Member Peck gave kudos to everyone. Chair Sanchez echoed those sentiments.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports/Presentations

5.1 Cruces Cool Cats - Selina Cardoza: REMOVED FROM AGENDA.

5.2 City and County ACO Reports - City and County Animal Control: Brian Hulsey reported they had 700 reported stray animals, able to pick up 422, of that 103 cats, 319 dogs. There were 26 sick/injured animals for which 9 were cats and 17 dogs. They had 27 owner surrender animals, all dogs. January 249 stray animals, February 212, and March 239. Field return to owner January 28, February 17, March 19. There were five welfare hold animals. There were 32 shelter quarantine. Eight home quarantines. Five court hold quarantines/cases. But due to a recent pickup there are currently 20 at their court hold facility. There were 75 diverted intakes. There were 943 educational. A chart of what was picked up by district, District 1 11 cats, 12 dogs, District 2 13 cats, 29 dogs, District 3 16 cats, 66 dogs, District 4 11 cats, 51 dogs, District 5 23 cats, 85 dogs, District 6 4 cats, 18 dogs, District 7 25 cats, 58 dogs. There are several members of the public that are trapping more stray cats. Owner releases, two were vicious and/or dangerous, two aggressive, one owner unable to keep on property, one injured/sick, two behavior issues, eight unable to care for, nine lifestyle changes, one owner having health issues and could not maintain animals anymore.

Gino Jimenez stated they responded to 1,186 calls for strays, 540 GOA (gone on arrival). Apprehended 646, 221 dogs, 275 cats, all impounded at the ASCMV. Successful field RTO 150, 34 unsuccessful as had ID but own unable to claim them in the field, so total 184 identifiable animals. Three year comparison for reported strays. Peak Performance goals, apprehend at least 65% of reported strays, successful in 54.5% of the calls. Three year field RTO comparison, January 72, 150 for the year. Second Peak Performance goal to field RTO 25% of all identifiable animals, they are at 23%. The last two Peak Performance, 10% reduction in stay animal bites, they had a decrease of 53% when compared to last year. Last is a 10% reduction in owner victim bites, a 14% decrease compared to last year. The police department is no longer doing Peak Performance, but doing strategic policing, so the ACO report may change. Their community cat program they have responded to 206 cats in traps, and released 41. Reasons unable to field RTO, 18 dogs no contact by phone or residence, 10 dogs chips not updated, two dogs chips were not registered, two dogs owner claimed from finder, one dog owner unable to claim in the field. Reasons for owner releasing, 11 dogs owner unable to care for, 10 dogs owner could not afford vet care, six dogs for aggression, five dogs for behavior issues for which three were euthanasia request, five dogs for health issue for which one was a euthanasia request and two for old age, four dogs kept escaping, three dogs owner had passed and next of kin could not care for. Three cats the landlord did not allow, two dogs the landlord did not allow. Two dogs for lifestyle changes. Two cats, they had too many cats. Two cats the owner could not afford vet care. One dog was sick, euthanasia request. One cat the owner was in the hospital and next of kin requested pick up. And one cat for aggression. January responded to 1,051 calls, February 873, March 1,048. Board Member Gates stated the GOA seems almost half and response times would be interesting to study. Gino Jimenez stated they are low staffed. He is budgeted for nine officers for out in the field but only has six. Bites and vicious are priority calls. Their response time is 14 minutes.

5.3 **Shelter Statistics/Activities - Stephanie Lewis:** She has been here a little over two months and this is her first board report. There was a total intake of 1,961 animals, live release rate of 80.8%, 291 euthanasias. Ended in March with 94 more animals than in January. The length of stay for dogs is about a month, and cats only about a week. Intakes have consistently been going down. Intakes by jurisdiction city ACO brought in 49.2% of the animal, Doña Ana county brought in 40.8%, Sunland Park 2.8%, Anthony 6.8%, and Mesilla 0.2%, and Hatch 0.3%. The trends show numbers going down. Anthony has gone up but they are aggressively tacking cats. Took in 15 adoption returns for dogs, two for cats. Born in care, two dogs, and five cats. Owner surrenders were 326 dogs, and 46 cats. For bite quarantine dogs were 51, 14 were stray bites. For cats four for bite quarantine and two being strays. There were 52 court or welfare hold dogs, two cats, and two others. Total stray was 860 for dogs, 587 cats, 12 others, three field/wildlife. Reasons for surrenders, cannot afford care 100 dogs and five cats. Lifestyle changes 89 dogs, 15 cats. Behavior issues was 51 for dogs and seven for cats. And a smattering of others. The length of stay for animals is consistently going down so therefore less strain on the system. There were 268 dogs adopted, 105 cats adopted, and 14 others, chickens and goats. Return to owner 284 for dogs, cats 28. Transfer out via transfer partners 360 dogs, 107 cats. Euthanasia 221 dogs, 67 cats. Return to field cats of 331. Transfer partners, Rebel Angel All Breed took 127 dogs, Cruces Cook Cats 14, Front Range Freedom Rescue 17, HALO too 51 dogs. Rescue program keeps increasing. And transport program keeps adding. Behavioral euthanasias, 69 were deemed as aggressive to other animals, 16 were aggressive to people, 31 fearful behavior/fearful fear bitter, one resource guarding, two feral cats. There were 28 space euthanasias for dogs, as capacity for care was topped. Usually at 97% capacity, but do go to 105% but that cannot be sustained. Medical euthanasia reasons were failure to thrive, kitten season and so sick neonates. General 18, parvo confirmed 16 dogs, one for cats. Parvo exposed was six for cats. Respiratory illness was 20. Ringworm is being reduced, one for a dog and one for cat. Severe injuries 20 dogs, 10 cats. Liver release rate keeps going up, 76.6% dogs, 87.4%, overall 80.8%. Expanding their foster program to handle neonates, and doing bottle baby kitten feeding to increase numbers. Surgeries, 194 shelter and foster surgeries. Did 231 post adoption surgeries. Did 529 TNR. Did 207 others which is low cost spay/neuter for the community, and other rescues. Year to date visitors down a bit but still consistent with last year in March. Facebook number are being checked, 473,000 views January, 360,000 in February, 351,000 March. Followers and Instagram are consistent. Top pages by month, adoptable animals, home page, and found animals at the ASCMV.

Volunteers, they had retraining for all volunteers this month. Looking to have playgroups more than once a week, with goal to have them every morning. Foster program, increased foster parents. March has more cats, as it is kitten season. There are 138 animals in foster. They are going to be as more events, in April at Mira, May at Farmers Market, Anthony Community Fair bringing some adoptables, but also community outreach on spay/neuter, health for animals. PetSmart, Tractor Supply. June hope to have more but right now Farmers Market, Petco, and PetSmart. Pup of the Week is Laya. Also Playa. Pictures from adopters.

Board Member Gates asked about Dog Day Out and if that is included in the numbers. Stephanie Lewis stated she will check that. Chair Sanchez loved the opening page for the presentation.

5.4 Committee Reports

Executive – Manuel Sanchez, Committee Chair: Chair Sanchez missed the meeting but did follow-up with Stephanie. They talked about budget. Identifying any potential cost savings. How and where changes are to be more effective within the operations. Discussed the resolutions on todays agenda. Also some of the other changes, such as adjusting visiting hours to ensure that when the public comes the facility is clean, presentable, and creating the atmosphere wanted. Administrative, policy procedures, basically catching up and getting documentation up to speed.

CHAIR SANCHEZ DEPARTED THE MEETING, 10:00

Finance - Josh Saffell, Committee Chair: Josh Saffell he presented the unaudited financial statements for period ending March 31, 2026. Net position, pooled cash and investments is $1,810,807, outstanding receivables of $5,000, balance in capital assets of $330,144, total assets of $2,173,963. Total liabilities $389,788, leaving a fund balance of $1,784,175. Statement of Revenues, fund 7440, total revenues $4,077,269 total expenditures $3,389,708. Positive change in net position of $687,561. And then added to original fund balance, have a current fund balance of $1,426,019. Total revenues at 78.6%, this is three-quarters of the way through the fiscal year. Slightly larger, but at the beginning of the year there is a larger portion donated by the city and county to prepare for cash flow. Expenses at 60.6% which was significantly lower than 75%. Executive director total expenditures of $132,336, which is 51.7%. Majority of categories are under the 75/% except for travel and other is also 100% but is a very small amount. Medial Director, total expenditures $846,142, at 54.8%, again the vast majority of expenditures were under the 75% with the small amount in other being the exception. Kennel Director, total expenditures $1,352,097 which is 66% of the budget. The main standout was capital at 112.7%. They are working on adjusting budget and actuals for the capital and hope this gets correct. Administrative operations, total expenditures $1,059,133, which is 60.7%. Repairs and maintenance at 100% but low dollar amount. And insurance is 88.5% which is because premiums are paid in advance. Schedule of grants and donations, there are six outstanding grants. Petco Love Award from 2022 is spent out, a dollar was left and they will work on zeroing that out. Also PetSmart transport grant was spent out completely. Of concern is the New Mexico BVM grant, which is to spent out June 30th. Discussed with staff and being sure that will be spent out by the deadline.

Facilities - Mary Lou Ward, Committee Chair: Mary Lou Ward stated there is a door to cold storage area that is still an issue. The card readers that are working, they are working with the vendor. And the cameras for the card readers working on both buildings, working with the vendor. ADA ramp in the medical building, Public Works is working with an architecture firm to complete this. Also working with facilities to see what account the funds will be pulled from. The play yard area, ponding issues, shade, hot out and so trying to get that issues resolved. Getting some information from Dogs Playing for Life for some shade. There are 11 doors that stayed locked - get the locks out and replace with handles. Rescheduling some painting of some doors on the medical building and yellow pods. Submitted a grant for a second round of funding from the state to remodel a portion of the medical building to accommodate the new surgical suite and allow for increased surgical capacity.

6. **Discussion Items:** None

7. **Public Input:** Dina D'Argo wanted to discuss SB 38 which has now been signed into law are affordable spay/neuter act. In lobbying this bill on behalf of animal protection voters, animal protection New Mexico, the biggest opposition from legislators was where did the money go, because the first disbursements are out. It is really important to show the money is well spent, well used, and well documented. The pet food industry is continuing to litigate and try to rescind/ remove this law. This is an estimated $1.3 million every year. Question on who is tracking, is it MDA? The veterinary board is tracking.

8. **Chair and Board Comments:** Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez gave a shout out to the ASCMV staff, his family just adopted a 10 year old cat from the shelter this past weekend. The staff was great, and they were there two days in a row. Well greeted, everything beautiful and clean.

   Board Member Ward thanked all the animal control officers and all the animal workers. It is Animal Control Appreciation Month for April. Also thanked all the behind the scenes shelter staff for all the work. Their animal control facility and the shelter, the veterinary staff is going above and beyond with the animals in custody. Kudos to staff working with these court held dogs. Some of the dogs are doing paintings and those will be put up for bid.

Vice-Chair Gates gave a shout out to Schumacher Veterinary Clinic as her animal was need and they stepped up.

9. Adjournment (10:13 p.m.)

Motion by Board Member Schaljo-Hernandez, second by Board Member Peck. Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Manuel Sanchez, Chairperson

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Gennifer Gates, Vice-Chair

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Angelica Buehling Gardner, Board Member

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Sonya Delgado, Ex Officio Member

Mary Lou Ward, Ex Officio Member

ATTEST:

Amanda Lopez Askin, County Clerk

Agenda Item #8.1.

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Type of Action:
☒ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ TIDD Resolution

ASCMV Action and Executive Summary

District:	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ N/A		
1st Reading:		**Adopted:**	July 23, 2026
Drafter:	Amelia Corrales	**Department:**	ASCMV
Title:	**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) TO AMEND ITS ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 BUDGET DUE TO CHANGES IN REVENUE.**		

TYPE OF ACTION: ☒ **Administrative** ☐ **Legislative** ☐ **Quasi-Judicial**

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

TO AMEND THE FY2027 ANNUAL BUDGET DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE DONA ANA COUNTY (DAC) CONTRIBUTION AND MICROCHIP REVENUES.

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

THE COUNTY APPROVED THEIR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION AT A HIGHER AMOUNT THAN WHAT WAS IN THE ADOPTED FY27 BUDGET. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE REMOVING MICROCHIP REVENUES AS WE WILL NO LONGER BE BE CHARGING FOR THEM.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Exhibit A-Fund Summary
Attachment A

DOES THIS AMEND THE BUDGET?:

☒ Yes
☐ No

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGETED AMOUNT:	**AVAILABLE AMOUNT:**	**EXPENDITURE AMOUNT:**
VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS

Funding Source(s):
DONA ANA COUNTY CONTRIBUTION
PET MICRO-CHIP

Overall Budget Impact:
DAC CONTRIBUTION INCREASE OF $175,000 & MICROCHIP REVENUE DECREASE OF $14,500

Does this action amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote “Yes”; this will approve the Resolution and accept the budget adjustments as presented, and will adjust the ASCMV's FY2026-27 budget.
2. Vote “No”; this will not approve the Resolution nor accept the budget adjustments as presented, and will not adjust the ASCMV's FY2026-27 budget.
3. Vote to “Amend”; this will delay the process of adjusting the ASCMV's budget and will require direction to staff.
4. Vote to “Table”; this will impact the ASCMV's ability to utilize funds and may impact programs and services.

RESOLUTION 05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) TO AMEND ITS ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 BUDGET DUE TO CHANGES IN REVENUE.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) Board of Directors is hereby informed that:

WHEREAS, the ASCMV Board of Directors approved the recommended FY 2027 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, an adjustment is needed to increase the Dona Ana County contribution revenues that the ASCMV will receive in FY27 by $175,000; and

WHEREAS, a decrease of $14,500 is needed to reduce expected micro-chip revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the ASCMV for the Board to approve this resolution and the corresponding amended FY2027 budget as reflected in Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley:

(I)

THAT the ASCMV's amended Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this resolution, is hereby approved.

(II)

THAT once approved, a copy of the signed, recorded resolution and any supporting documentation will be submitted to the City of Las Cruces, as fiscal agent, for submission to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for approval and incorporation into its (City of Las Cruces) respective budget for inclusion in the FY2027 budget for the ASCMV.

(II)

THAT ASCMV staff is hereby authorized to take any action necessary to implement and comply with the budget submitted and approved as part of this resolution.

DONE AND APPROVED this day of

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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CITY OF LAS CRUCES — *Exhibit "A"*

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

	7440 ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER 2026-27			
	Original Budget	**Amended Budget**	**Req. Adjustment**	**Adjusted Budget**
RESOURCES				
Beginning Balance	$ 1,197,787	1,197,787	0	1,197,787
Revenues				
Municipal Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Public Safety Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Hold Harmless Replacement GRT	0	0	0	0
State-Shared Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Environmental Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
County Environmental Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Internet Sales Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Gasoline Tax	0	0	0	0
Cannabis Excise Tax	0	0	0	0
Lodgers Tax	0	0	0	0
Property Taxes	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Property Tax	0	0	0	0
Franchise Fees	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Franchise Fees	0	0	0	0
Licenses, Fees & Permits	0	0	0	0
Convention Center Fee	0	0	0	0
Auto License - State Shared	0	0	0	0
Fines & Forfeitures	0	0	0	0
Charges For Services	4,591,930	4,591,930	160,500	4,752,430
Natural Gas Sales - Commodity	0	0	0	0
Motor Pool Maintenances Charges	0	0	0	0
Fuel Charges	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Federal Grants	0	0	0	0
State Grants	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Local Grants	93,054	93,054	0	93,054
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	**4,734,984**	**4,734,984**	**160,500**	**4,895,484**
TOTAL RESOURCES	**$ 5,932,771**	**5,932,771**	**160,500**	**6,093,271**
Expenditures				
General Government	0	0	0	0
Legislative	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
City Manager-300	0	0	0	0
Legal	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces Police Department	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces Fire Department	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Economic Development	0	0	0	0
Assistant City Manager-400	0	0	0	0
Human Resources	0	0	0	0
Financial Services	0	0	0	0
Information Technology	0	0	0	0
Assistant City Manager-500	0	0	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0
Quality of Life	0	0	0	0
Public Works	0	0	0	0
ASCMV	5,905,273	5,905,273	0	5,905,273
Total Expenditures	**$ 5,905,273**	**5,905,273**	**0**	**5,905,273**
Other Resources				
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total Other Resources	**$ 0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Accrual Adjustments	0	0	0	0
ENDING BALANCE	**$ 27,498**	**27,498**	**160,500**	**187,998**

MICROCHIPS ARE FREE!!!!

🐾 Free Microchips for Cats & Dogs! 🐾

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley recognizes the importance of microchipping in helping lost pets find their way home. That's why microchips are now FREE for all cats and dogs!
A microchip provides permanent identification and greatly increases the chances of being reunited with your pet if they ever become lost.

Call 575-382-0018 today to learn more and schedule your pet's free microchip appointment!

Help keep your furry family member safe, microchip your pet today!

Animal Services Center
OF THE MESILLA VALLEY

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Type of Action:
☒ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ TIDD Resolution

ASCMV Action and Executive Summary

District:	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ N/A		
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TYPE OF ACTION: ☒ **Administrative** ☐ **Legislative** ☐ **Quasi-Judicial**

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:
TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS AND AMEND THE FY2027 BUDGET.

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:
ASCMV WAS AWARDED TWO SEPARATE GRANTS; ONE FROM THE ASPCA AND ONE FROM BEST FRIENDS, TOTALING $12,000. THE ASPCA GRANT WAS AWARDED IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000 AND THE BEST FRIENDS GRANT WAS AWARDED IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:
Exhibit A - Fund Summary
Attachment A- Best Friends Grant
Attachment B-ASPCA Grant

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:
ASCMV Board

DOES THIS AMEND THE BUDGET?:
☒ Yes
☐ No

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGETED AMOUNT:	**AVAILABLE AMOUNT:**	**EXPENDITURE AMOUNT:**
VARIOUS	VARIOUS	VARIOUS

Funding Source(s):
GRANTS

Overall Budget Impact:
INCREASE BUDGET BY $12,000

Does this action amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote “Yes”; this will approve the Resolution and accept the budget adjustments as presented, and will adjust the ASCMV's FY2026-27 budget.
2. Vote “No”; this will not approve the Resolution nor accept the grant awards as presented, and will not adjust the ASCMV's FY2026-27 budget.
3. Vote to “Amend”; this could delay the Resolution and the process of spending the grant funds and will require direction to staff.
4. Vote to “Table”; this will delay the Resolution and will impact the implementation of the grant agreement and the ASCMV's ability to utilize the funds.

RESOLUTION 06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY (ASCMV) TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS AND TO AMEND THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) Board of Directors is hereby informed that:

WHEREAS, the ASCMV applied for and is the recipient of a $2,000 Best Friends Charities Grant and a $10,000 ASPCA Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be used to support ASCMV operating, life savings, and animal care needs as needed; and

WHEREAS, a budget adjustment is needed to accept the grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley:

(I)

THAT the FY2027 adopted budget will be hereby amended as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made part of this resolution and is hereby adopted.

(II)

THAT, once approved, a copy of the signed, recorded resolution and any supporting documentation will be submitted to the City of Las Cruces, as fiscal agent for submission to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for approval and incorporation into its (City of Las Cruces) respective budget for inclusion in the FY2027 budget for the ASCMV.

(III)

THAT, ASCMV staff are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to implement and comply with the budget submitted and approved as part of this resolution.

DONE AND APPROVED this day of

APPROVED

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ATTEST:

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Moved by:

Seconded by:

AYES

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CITY OF LAS CRUCES *Exhibit "A"*

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

	7440 ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER 2026-27			
	Original Budget	**Amended Budget**	**Req. Adjustment**	**Adjusted Budget**
RESOURCES				
Beginning Balance	$ 1,197,787	1,197,787	0	1,197,787
Revenues				
Municipal Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Public Safety Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Hold Harmless Replacement GRT	0	0	0	0
State-Shared Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Environmental Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
County Environmental Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Internet Sales Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0
Gasoline Tax	0	0	0	0
Cannabis Excise Tax	0	0	0	0
Lodgers Tax	0	0	0	0
Property Taxes	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Property Tax	0	0	0	0
Franchise Fees	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Franchise Fees	0	0	0	0
Licenses, Fees & Permits	0	0	0	0
Convention Center Fee	0	0	0	0
Auto License - State Shared	0	0	0	0
Fines & Forfeitures	0	0	0	0
Charges For Services	4,591,930	4,752,430	0	4,752,430
Natural Gas Sales - Commodity	0	0	0	0
Motor Pool Maintenances Charges	0	0	0	0
Fuel Charges	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	12,000	12,000
Federal Grants	0	0	0	0
State Grants	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Local Grants	93,054	93,054	0	93,054
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	**4,734,984**	**4,895,484**	**12,000**	**4,907,484**
TOTAL RESOURCES	**$ 5,932,771**	**6,093,271**	**12,000**	**6,105,271**
Expenditures				
General Government	0	0	0	0
Legislative	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
City Manager-300	0	0	0	0
Legal	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces Police Department	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces Fire Department	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Economic Development	0	0	0	0
Assistant City Manager-400	0	0	0	0
Human Resources	0	0	0	0
Financial Services	0	0	0	0
Information Technology	0	0	0	0
Assistant City Manager-500	0	0	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0
Quality of Life	0	0	0	0
Public Works	0	0	0	0
ASCMV	5,905,273	5,905,273	12,000	5,917,273
Total Expenditures	**$ 5,905,273**	**5,905,273**	**12,000**	**5,917,273**
Other Resources				
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total Other Resources	**$ 0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Accrual Adjustments	0	0	0	0
ENDING BALANCE	**$ 27,498**	**187,998**	**0**	**187,998**

From: Stephanie Lewis <sdlewis@ascmv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Kayla Riding <kaylariding@bestfriends.org>
Cc: Desiree Triste-Aragon <dtristearagon@bestfriends.org>; Amelia Corrales <acorrales@ascmv.org>
Subject: Re: 🎉 Exciting News! You Shared Your Data and Now You're Getting a Grant! - Animal Services Center Of The Mesilla Valley

Kayla, thank you so much! We were just talking about where we were going to move funds around to get incubators for our after-hours neonate intakes so this will directly help with that lifesaving.

I have attached our 2026 W9.

Let me know if you need anything else from us.

Stephanie Lewis, MBA, CAWA
Executive Director
Animal Services Center *of the Mesilla Valley*
(575) 382-0018
sdlewis@ascmv.org
www.ascmv.org

Working together to create safe pathways for every animal.

Book time to meet with me

From: Kayla Riding <kaylariding@bestfriends.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 8:53 AM
To: Stephanie Lewis <sdlewis@ascmv.org>
Cc: Desiree Triste-Aragon <dtristearagon@bestfriends.org>
Subject: 🎉 Exciting News! You Shared Your Data and Now You're Getting a Grant! - Animal Services Center Of The Mesilla Valley

Hello Stephanie and Animal Services Center Of The Mesilla Valley team,

We're excited to share some great news — **congratulations** on being selected for a **$2000** grant in recognition of your amazing work submitting your monthly data to the **Shelter Pet Data Alliance**!

Your consistency and dedication to sharing timely, accurate data is making a real impact, not just for your own organization, but for shelters and pets across the country. This grant is a well-deserved celebration of your commitment to transparency and collaboration.

We're so grateful to have you as a partner in this work, and we can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in the months ahead. Keep up the fantastic work and give your team (and your shelter pets!) a high-five from us! I have copied Desiree onto this email who is your regional strategist to help us celebrate you!

The grant will be unrestricted as long as it goes towards the lifesaving of cats and/or dogs, so all I need is a completed W9 for your organization. You can also have your grant go to a "Friends of the shelter" organization, I would just need their W9.

W9 will be due by **Friday, May 29, 2026**

Once those are received, I will be able to request the check for you.

Warmly,

Kayla

Kayla Riding
Senior Specialist, Network & SPDA Relations
Best Friends Animal Society
Located in MST
Book time to meet with me

Apply to become a Best Friends Network Partner here!
bestfriends.org/Network
bestfriends.org

Best Friends SAVE THEM ALL

Grant Agreement Reference:

NAME: **The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley**
PROJECT: **2026 ASPCA The Rescue Effect Campaign Grant**
AMOUNT: **$ 10,000**
GRANT NUMBER: **202605-34538**
GRANT EFFECTIVE DATE: **06/01/2026**
GRANT EXPIRATION DATE: **10/31/2026**
ASPCA GRANT OFFICER: **Karen Walsh**
ASPCA GRANT MANAGER: **Dina Trefethen**

June 2, 2026

Stephanie Lewis
3551 Bataan Memorial West
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Dear Stephanie Lewis,

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the "ASPCA") is deeply honored to be able to grant to The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (the "Grantee," and together with the ASPCA, the "Parties" and each a "Party") the amount of $ 10,000 (the "Grant"). These funds are designated for 2026 ASPCA The Rescue Effect Campaign Grant, as described in the Grant request, the Grant Request Documents, and, if applicable, its amendments (the "Project") and subject to the terms of this agreement (the "Agreement").

The ASPCA shall issue the Grant to the Grantee approximately two to six weeks following receipt of the signed original contract, including all pages. By accepting the payment, you represent and warrant that Grantee will meet the obligations specified in this Agreement.

Intending to be legally bound and in consideration of the Grant provided to the Grantee and the desire of the Grantee to conduct the Project, the parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions as of the Grant Effective Date listed above (the "Effective Date"):

1. Grant Requirements. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Grant shall be used exclusively for costs incurred directly in connection with the Project and as set forth in this Agreement, and that failure to do so will result in the Grantee having to return the Grant to the ASPCA within ten (10) days of the ASPCA's request to do so.

The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that any proposed changes to the Project, including, but not limited to, the Project goals and objectives, the use or purpose of funds, the distribution of funds across approved budget items, or any other substantive changes to the Project shall be fully approved by the Grant Officer and memorialized with an amendment to the Agreement prior to initiating any such changes.

Unless Grantee is expressly exempt from this requirement (e.g. as an agency or instrumentality of government), it shall meet the ASPCA Grantee Organizational Standards (the "Standards"), attached hereto as **Schedule 1**. If Grantee does not meet the standards by the Effective Date, the ASPCA may, in its sole discretion, grant additional time for the Grantee to come into compliance with the Standards. If additional time is granted, Grantee shall have 12-months or until the Expiration Date, whichever is sooner, to comply with the requirements and provide proof of compliance as a part of its required reporting.

The Grantee agrees that at no time will any funds it receives from the ASPCA be used to attempt to influence the outcome of any selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to any public office or office of a political organization within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 527(e)(2), and shall furthermore not use any of the funds it receives from the ASPCA to participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

For projects that include grant funds used to purchase food for a gathering of individuals, the Grantee will limit the use of ASPCA funds to purchase vegetarian, vegan, fish or welfare-certified meat products only. "Welfare-certified meat products" shall mean products that are from farms, obtained either directly or through another supplier (restaurant, retailer, etc.), that are certified by at least one of the following certification programs: (a) Animal Welfare Approved; (b) Certified Humane; and/or (c) Global Animal Partnership, Steps 2 and above. For more information about welfare-certified products or where to locate welfare-certified products, please visit http://www.aspca.org/take-action/help-farm-animals/finding-higher-welfare-products.

Employees, volunteers or other associates of the Grantee whose food expenses are reimbursed or otherwise paid from ASPCA grant funds, including, but not limited to beneficiaries of travel stipends and scholarships, are strongly encouraged to choose higher-welfare meat products, fish, vegan or vegetarian food.

Grant Reporting:

The Grantee must submit reports (the "Grant Reports") to provide the ASPCA with information about the Project and to ensure the Grant is being used as described in this Agreement. Grant Reports shall be due per the following schedule:

Report Type	**Due Date**
Final Report	November 14, 2026

The Grantee acknowledges it may be subject to additional reporting requirements as assigned by its ASPCA Grant Officer and set forth in the Grant record in Fluxx (the "Additional Reporting"). Additional Reporting shall be submitted as a part of the regular Grant Reports.

Grantees that fail to submit required documentation by the Final Report Due Date may jeopardize future grants and/or grant payments.

Grant Extensions:

Extension requests will not be considered for the Final Report Due Date. However, should the Grantee need a Grant extension due to unforeseen delays in the Project timeline, Grantee may request an extension by emailing grants@aspca.org before the Grant Expiration Date. The ASPCA shall review the Grantee's request and may grant an extension to the Grant term. If the ASPCA declines the request for an extension, or if the Project is completed but carries a balance of unspent funds, the Grantee shall promptly refund and pay back to the ASPCA the unexpended balance.

Ad Hoc Requirements:

The ASPCA may request additional information regarding the Project. Upon such a request, the Grantee must provide the requested information in a timely manner. Such additional information may include but is not limited to receipts, photographs, and press information.

The ASPCA may choose to conduct site visits of the Grantee's location(s). The Grantee must provide the ASPCA with access to such locations at a date and time mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

2. Compliance with the Law and Maintenance of Tax-Exempt Status. In carrying out the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations including but not limited to all applicable federal, state, and local employment laws, regulations, and rules.

If the Grantee is a 501(c)(3) organization, the Grantee certifies that it is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and shall notify the ASPCA immediately of any change in, or challenge by the Internal Revenue Service to, its status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

3. License. Each Party hereby grants to the other party a license to use the Party's name and trademarks on materials directly related to the activities of the Project and/or the Grant.

All use of the ASPCA name and trademarks must comply with the ASPCA's style guide. "ASPCA Trademarks" are: "ASPCA®", which must always appear in PMS 422 and 021, unless used in materials that are completely black and white in nature, in which case it may appear in black; and "The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®".

4.Acknowledgement of ASPCA Support. In consideration of the Grant, the Grantee may publicly acknowledge that the Project was made possible through a generous grant from the ASPCA. If the Grantee chooses to make an acknowledgment, Grantee shall submit any Project acknowledgements that include the ASPCA's name or trademarks to press@aspca.org for review and approval prior to its inclusion in any materials prepared and intended to be distributed regarding the activities of the Project. No changes on the approved version of any Project acknowledgements shall be instituted by the Grantee without the prior written approval of the ASPCA. The ASPCA has the right in its sole discretion to require the Grantee to remove all references to the ASPCA's involvement if the ASPCA determines that the Grantee is not fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement or if for any other reason the ASPCA determines that it is no longer in the ASPCA's best interest to be referenced in such manner.

For further assistance regarding recognition of the Grant, including press releases, advisories, or general media outreach, please contact the ASPCA's Media Department at press@aspca.org or visit https://www.aspcapro.org/media-and-promotional-materials-aspcar-grant-recipients for press release templates, logos, and other media materials.

5. Records. The Grantee will keep accurate books and records with respect to the grant in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and business practices. The Grantee will keep records of receipts and expenditures made of Grant funds as well as copies of the reports submitted to the ASPCA and supporting documentation for at least three (3) years after completion of the use of the Grant funds, and will furnish or make available such books, records, and supporting documentation to the ASPCA for inspection at reasonable times from the time of the Grantee's acceptance of the Grant through such period.

6. Termination. The ASPCA may, in its sole discretion (i) withhold payment of funds until in its opinion the situation has been corrected or (ii) declare the Grant terminated in any of the following circumstances:

a. If, as the result of the consideration of reports and information submitted to it by the Grantee or from other sources, the ASPCA, in its sole discretion, determines that continuation of the Project is not reasonably in furtherance of the ASPCA's mission to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States (the "ASPCA Mission") or that the Project is not being executed in substantial compliance with the grant request (or work plan as revised) or that the Grantee is incapable of satisfactorily completing the work of the Project;
b. In the case of any violation by the Grantee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
c. In the event of any change in, or challenge by the Internal Revenue Service to, the Grantee's status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization if applicable; or
d. If it is revealed that, during the Project, the Grantee is or was involved in any activity or makes any statement disparaging of, or reflecting unfavorably upon the ASPCA, tarnishes the reputation of the ASPCA or is not in alignment with the ASPCA Mission.

If the ASPCA terminates the Grant, it shall so notify the Grantee, whereupon it, if so requested by the ASPCA, shall promptly refund and pay back to the ASPCA any unexpended balance of the Grant funds in the Grantee's hands or under its control or any expended Grant funds deemed to have been misappropriated per the terms of this Agreement.

Upon completion of the Project or termination of this Agreement for any reason, the ASPCA will withhold any further payments of Grant funds. All such determinations by the ASPCA under this **Section 6** will be final, binding and conclusive upon the Grantee.

7. Future Funding. The Grantee acknowledges that the ASPCA and its representatives have made no actual or implied promise of funding except for the amounts specified in this Agreement. If any of the Grant funds are returned or if the Grant is rescinded, the Grantee acknowledges that the ASPCA will have no further obligation to the Grantee in connection with this Grant as a result of such return or rescission.

8. Miscellaneous. This Agreement is intended to be binding upon the Grantee and the ASPCA. This Agreement represents the final agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereto, and supersedes any and all prior agreements, written or oral, between the parties with respect to the matters contained herein. This Agreement is not intended to, nor shall it be deemed to create, any partnership or joint venture between the Grantee and the ASPCA. This Agreement shall be interpreted, governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof. The parties hereto acknowledge and consent to personal jurisdiction and venue exclusively in New York, New York with respect to any action or proceeding brought in connection with this Agreement.

By accepting the Grant funds, you represent and warrant that you are capable of binding the Grantee to the terms set forth in this Agreement.

Sincerely,

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Signed by:
Lauren Martin
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Lauren Martin
Senior Vice President, Deputy Chief Legal Officer

Schedule 1

ASPCA Grantee Organizational Standards

- Must have at least 3 board members
- Majority of the board must be independent[1]
- Chairperson and Treasurer shall not be compensated
- Business registration must be current/active in the Grantee's state of incorporation
- No overdue reports for any ASPCA grants, if applicable
- No overdue balances on prior grants, if applicable

[1] This means that fewer than half of Grantee's Board members may be paid employees and/or family members or close relatives.

Agenda Item #8.3.

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Type of Action:
☒ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ TIDD Resolution

ASCMV Action and Executive Summary

District:	☐ **1** ☐ **2** ☐ **3** ☐ **4** ☐ **5** ☐ **6** ☒ **N/A**		
1st Reading:		**Adopted:**	July 23, 2026
Drafter:	Amelia Corrales	**Department:**	ASCMV
Title:	**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED MISSION, AND VISION STATEMENT AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES**		

TYPE OF ACTION: ☒ **Administrative** ☐ **Legislative** ☐ **Quasi-Judicial**

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:
TO ADOPT THE NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT AND UPDATED ORGZANIZATIONAL VALUES.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:
Exhibit A

PLAN(S):
None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:
None

DOES THIS AMEND THE BUDGET?:
☐ Yes
☐ No

Does this action amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?
☐ Yes
☐ No

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:
1. Vote "Yes"; this will adopt the updated Mission and Vision Statement as well as the updated organizational values
2. Vote "No"; this will not adopt the updated Mission and Vision Statement as well as the updated organizational values
3. Vote to "Amend"; this will delay the process of updating the Mission and Vision Statement as well as the updated organizational values
4. Vote to "Table"; this will impact the implementation of the updated Mission and Vision Statement as well as the updated organizational values

RESOLUTION 07

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED MISSION, AND VISION STATEMENT AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) Board of Directors is hereby informed that:

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is updating its Mission and Vision Statements, as well as its Organizational Values; and

WHEREAS, the updated Mission and Vision Statements and Organizational Values more accurately reflect the work, structure, and overall purpose of the ASCMV; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley:

(I)

THAT the ASCMV Mission and Vision statement as well as organizational values will be hereby amended as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made part of this resolution and is hereby adopted.

(II)

THAT, ASCMV staff are hereby authorized to take any action necessary to implement and comply with herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this day of

APPROVED

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ATTEST:

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Moved by:

Seconded by:

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Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

Mission, Vision, and Values

Document Number	ASCMV-POL-ORG-001	**Version**	2.0
Department/Area	Organization	**Document Owner**	Stephanie Lewis, Executive Director
Approved By	ASCMV Board of Directors	**Date Approved**	July 23, 2026
Effective Date	July 23, 2026	**Next Review Date**	July 23, 2027
Supersedes	Mission Statement and Guiding Principles (effective 06/24/2025)	**Access Level**	Public
Applies To	Staff / Volunteers / Fosters	**Related Documents**	N/A

1. Mission Statement

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley provides safe, humane care for animals in need and leads efforts to reduce animal homelessness across Doña Ana County and its municipalities. We reunite pets with their families, create pathways to placement, and deliver programs that support responsible pet ownership and long-term positive outcomes.

2. Vision Statement

A humane, connected community where pets are supported, families have access to resources, and every animal has the best possible opportunity for safety, care, and positive outcomes.

3. Organizational Values

Humane Care

We provide safe, compassionate, and appropriate care for animals in our custody. We recognize that humane care includes physical health, emotional well-being, appropriate housing, enrichment, and timely pathways to outcome.

Community Responsibility

Animal welfare is a shared community responsibility. ASCMV works with pet owners, local governments, animal control agencies, rescue partners, veterinarians, volunteers, fosters, and community partners to reduce animal homelessness and improve outcomes.

Access and Support

We work to reduce unnecessary barriers that prevent people from reclaiming, keeping, adopting, fostering, or helping animals. Whenever safely and legally possible, we support solutions that keep pets with the people who care about them.

Transparency and Accountability

We make decisions based on accurate information, clear standards, and honest communication. We are accountable to the animals in our care, the people we serve, our funding partners, and the broader community.

Collaboration

We operate as one organization and recognize that every department affects animal outcomes. We value internal teamwork and external partnerships that improve care, increase placement, reduce intake, and support responsible pet ownership.

Stewardship

We are responsible stewards of public funds, donor support, staff time, shelter space, and community trust. We use our resources carefully and focus them on work that creates meaningful impact for animals and people.

Continuous Improvement

We are committed to evaluating our programs, correcting ineffective systems, improving data accuracy and collection, updating policies and SOPs, and adapting as the needs of the shelter and community change.