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**Project Title** The Humane Society of The North Bay (HSNB) Animals Matter Proposal

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**Total Budget Requested** \$ 75,000

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**Name- Full names of all the delegates from your committee that worked on the proposal** Brenda Mooney

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**Type of Project- (choose one)** Program and/or Service

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**Detailed project description (Be specific and use as much space as you need.)**

The Humane Society of The North Bay (HSNB) Animals Matter Proposal

The Humane Society of the North Bay, an independent, non-profit, no-kill animal shelter, has provided adoption, return, and rescue services since 1986 to the community of Vallejo, one of the most economically-challenged cities in the San Francisco Bay area. In the past seven years alone, HSNB has handled the intake of more than 15,000 dogs and cats, the majority finding new families or returning to their original home.

Critical to the mission of a healthy, controlled pet population are the following services for which we are requesting \$75,000 in this Participatory Budget cycle:

**Project Description:**

The Humane Society of the North Bay (HSNB) will facilitate, through the distribution of vouchers to Vallejo citizens and Vallejo animal rescue organizations, arrangements for low-cost spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations, and microchipping at a network of licensed veterinarians. The veterinary practices will be located within Vallejo whenever the fee arrangements are sustainable, but HSNB may extend its outreach to practices in a wider geographical area to keep costs manageable and increase the availability of appointments.

Many low-cost spay/neuter services have been shut down due to COVID-19, and the cost of this service through veterinary practices has continued to increase, making it extremely difficult for low-income residents. The more dogs and cats that are spayed and neutered means fewer stray animals in the community. Additionally, keeping the feral cat population down through an effective Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program helps the Vallejo citizens by reducing cat allergens, property damage, and nuisance odors.

Spay/neuter services: for the cats and dogs that are in our shelter program and low-cost spay/neuter, microchipping and vaccinations for the cats and dogs belonging to citizens in need in Vallejo and for the feral cats in our community. The need for low-cost spay/neuter options here, where per the current census data, 11% of our population lives in poverty, is enormous.

There are many great reasons to spay/neuter, vaccinate and microchip the animals in our community. Spay and neutering in our community will help with the overpopulation problem in Vallejo. Male dogs who are intact, can roam from home to seek a mate who is in heat. Intact dogs are more prone to escape, get into fights and risk injuries from fighting and running loose and potentially being hit by a car. Spayed females live longer, healthier lives. Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats.

According to the ASPCA, 1.5 million shelter dogs and cats are euthanized every year in the US and 2.7 million dogs and cats are killed each year

because the shelters are too full. Per the website SNAP, a fertile dog can produce an average of two litters in one year. The average number of puppies in a canine litter is six to ten. Up to 508 puppies can be born from one unspayed female dog and her offspring in seven years. A fertile cat can produce an average of three litters in one year. The average number of kittens in a feline litter is four to six. Up to 4,948 kittens can be born from one unspayed female cat and her offspring in seven years.

Microchipping pets is one of the most effective means of getting your pet returned if it has been lost or stolen. The American Humane Association estimates over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year. One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lifetime. Without contact information that is available on a microchip a large percentage of lost pets cannot be reunited with their owners.

Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses, reduce animal suffering, and reduce the transmission of diseases. Vaccinations help avoid costly treatments of preventable diseases. Vaccines can be offered to dogs for rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and hepatitis. For Cats, HSNB can provide vaccines for panleukopenia (feline distemper), calicivirus, herpesvirus, type 1 rhinotracheitis and rabies.

Along with these services is the opportunity to educate the community on the benefits of each.

Improving the health of both owned and stray animals provides an overall benefit to Vallejo citizens as well, by decreasing exposure to sick and desperate animals that can present unique dangers to the community. Fulfillment of our funding proposal will positively impact the lives of people and pets for years.

Upon the date of commencement of the program, HSNB will have 12 months to issue all vouchers. Due to the difficulty in securing timely surgery appointments, HSNB will report to Participatory Budgeting Committee at the end of 12 months of the status of vouchers that have been issued but have not yet had the surgeries completed.

**Why is this project needed? (1-2 paragraphs)**

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**How will the project address or solve this need and/or problem? (1-2 paragraphs)**

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**Describe in detail how residents, visitors, groups, communities, geographic areas, or the City of Vallejo will benefit from this project. (1-2 paragraphs)**

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**Describe the potential challenges and/or obstacles for this project (1-2 paragraphs)** As many low-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations services were shut down due to COVID-19, there are less veterinary services currently available in the bay area. This means higher costs and longer wait time to provide these services. HSNB may need extend its outreach to practices in a wider geographical area to keep costs manageable and increase the availability of appointments.

**Who will implement the project? (Identify all that apply)** A prequalified, 501(c)3 non-profit organization (program & Service projects only) Only organizations pre-qualified by September 18,2022 are eligible.

**Name of non-profit organization (Program & Service projects only)** Humane Society of the North Bay

**Website for non-profit organization** www.hsnb.org

**Name of contact person for non-profit organization** Brenda Mooney

**Non-profit organization phone number** (707) 645-7905

**Non-profit organization contact person's email** bmooney@hsnb.org

**Where will the project be implemented?** The City of Vallejo

**Budget- Upload an itemized budget for the entire project that has line items accounting for the entire amount of PB funding requested. You should develop a spreadsheet or table on Microsoft Word or Excel. Work with City staff to make sure you have a complete, full-cost budget! Make sure you upload documentation that supports your budget request, including:**

- At least one (1) complete bid from a licensed contractor for any work that requires skilled labor, building, construction, or professional installation.
- Copies of vendor quotes, official estimates, or online retailers for any durable, equipment, material or product purchases.
- Letter(s) from implementing partners agreeing to absorb any soft costs not covered by PB

**Describe the project timeline/schedule .** <https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/14351271460>  
**You may also attach a detailed timeline schedule as a separate document if already prepared.**

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**Payment Schedule- Program and Service projects must include a quarterly payment schedule that reflects no less than four payments from the City of Vallejo. Include the amounts you are requesting and describe how you will utilize the funds. You may also attach a detailed payment schedule as a separate document if already prepared.** <https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/14351271461>

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## Participatory Budget 8 Grant Budget

### Humane Society of the North Bay Animals Matter Proposal

Project Budget	Total Budget	Paid by Vouchers	Request from PB 8	Budget Justification
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>				
Admin for Voucher Program	\$15,180		\$15,180	Part-time administrative assistance for HSNB devoted exclusively to the PB voucher program, at \$16.5 an hour, for up to 20 hours a week, up to 46 weeks
<b>Medical Expense Costs*</b>				
Microchipping @ \$10 each	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	Microchip 100 Vallejo animals @ HSNB
Vaccinate Dogs or Cat @ \$100 each	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Vaccine at least 100 Vallejo animals @ \$50 per voucher
Spay/Neuter varies in cost, approx. @ \$250 each	\$49,000	\$9,800	\$39,200	Spay/ Neuter at least 196 Vallejo dogs and cats @ \$50 per voucher
Spay/ Neuter Vaccine Feral cats @ \$90 each	\$9,000	\$2,500	\$6,500	Spay/ Neuter and vaccinate at least 100 Vallejo Feral cats @ \$25 per voucher
HSNB animals Spay/ Neuter approx. @ \$200 each	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	Spay and Neuter at least 50 animals in the care of HSNB @ \$50 per voucher
Miscellaneous costs, forms, advertising	\$620		\$620	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$94,800</b>	<b>\$19,800</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	

\* If we are able to find lower cost services than the estimates, we will use the savings to increase the number of Vallejo dogs and cats that are vaccinated and/or spayed and neutered