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Gretchen Schackel, Executive Grants Administrator
Autzen Foundation
2455 NW Marshall Street, Suite #9
Portland, OR 97210

Re: Homeward Bound Pets Humane Society grant application

Dear Ms. Schackel,

We are writing on behalf of Homeward Bound Pets (HBPets), Oregon's first no-kill animal shelter. HBPets' mission is to improve the lives of cats and dogs through adoption and community partnerships in Yamhill County. HBPets has called Yamhill County home for the better part of half a century.

The County has worked closely with HBPets for many years and has supported them annually through our budget process. Additionally, when the County closed its Dog Control shelter in 2017, we began a contract partnership with HBPets for the kenneling of dogs picked up by our deputies. Our partnership worked so well we began contracting with HBPets for dog licensing services in 2020. HBPets now provides residents with online licensing options, making it easier than ever for citizens to renew dog licenses. They have issued over 7000 licenses since that time. These contracts have resulted in significant savings for taxpayers in Yamhill County.

We believe the services provided by HBPets are crucial to the health and well-being of our community yet, their facilities will soon be inadequate to serve our County effectively or safely. Their plans for a new shelter are well researched and a new facility is critical. To support this important resource, we recently awarded HBPets \$230,400 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through a competitive process.

We encourage you to join us in supporting HBPets' request for grant funding for their much needed, new shelter facility.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Berschauer
Chair

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Commissioner

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