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## Summary of Proposed Spay and Neuter Pet Grant Program

The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, has created proposed rules for administration of the Spay and Neuter Pet Grant Program (SNP Grant Program). This is a new rule and implements requirements of Act 494 of 2019.

The objective of the program is to provide matching grant funds to cities of the first class, cities of the second class, incorporated towns, unincorporated town, or counties of the State of Arkansas to assist organizations that provide spay and neuter services for cats and dogs that are in animal shelters or municipal shelters.

The objective of the grant program is to reduce the over population of cats and dogs as well as reducing the number of animals euthanized in shelters.

The proposed rule:

- Establishes application eligibility criteria for grant funding provided by the SNP Grant Program;
- Establishes the amount of funds that will be awarded through the SNP Grant Program;
- Establishes application submittal, review and approval processes for applicants seeking grant funding provided by the SNP Grant Program;
- Identifies reporting requirements and responsibilities for grantees receiving funds under the program;
- Establishes the date that all project expenditures shall be completed after the date of the grant award.