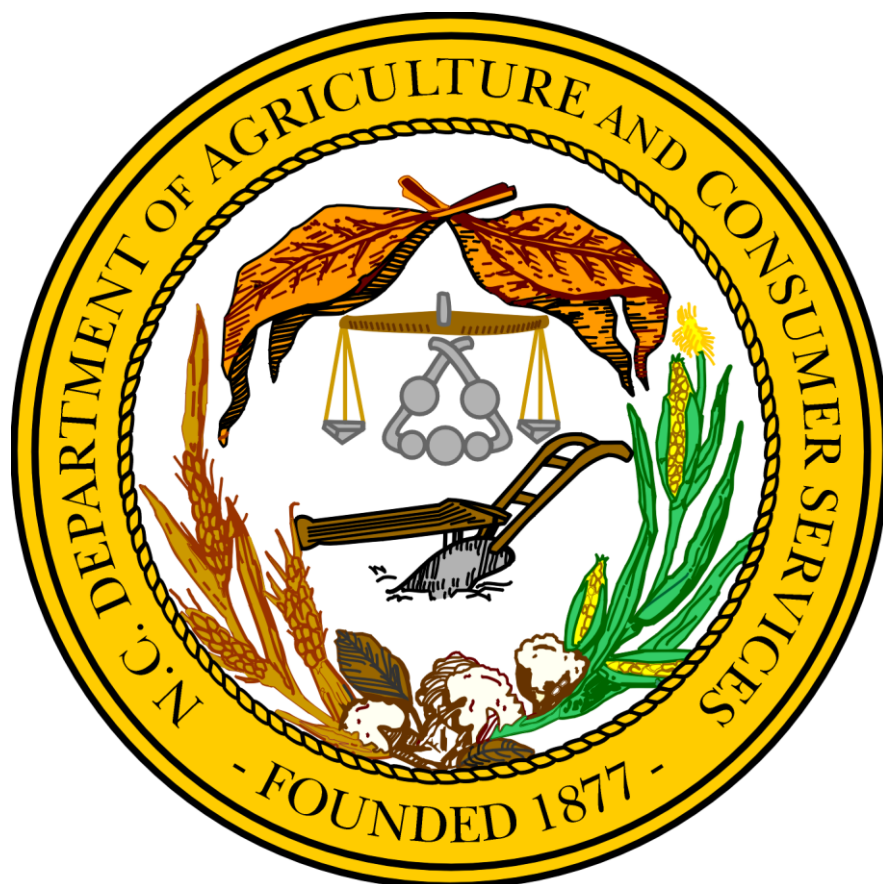


NCDA&CS, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section



Animal Shelter Support Fund Legislative Report

Calendar Year 2020

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Purpose of Report

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 19A-69, this is the legislative report for the N.C. Animal Shelter Support Fund.

§ 19A-69. Report.

The Department shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1. The report shall contain information regarding all revenues and expenditures of the Animal Shelter Support Fund.

Background

The N.C. Animal Shelter Support Fund was established in 2015 for the purpose of reimbursing local governments for expenses related to their operation of a registered animal shelter due to the denial, suspension or revocation of the shelter's registration, or due to unforeseen catastrophic disaster at an animal shelter. The Animal Shelter Support Fund was established as a special fund in the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("NCDA&CS") consisting of appropriations by the General Assembly or contributions and grants from public or private sources. Any appropriated and unencumbered funds remaining at the end of each fiscal year in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall revert to the General Fund.

Revenues

The N.C. General Assembly has appropriated \$100,000.00 to the Animal Shelter Support Fund.

Expenditures

No expenditures from this fund have been made as no request for reimbursement has been received from a N.C. county or municipality for the Calendar Year 2020.

Summary

In September 2015, the Animal Shelter Support Fund was created by the N.C. General Assembly. The monies are to be used to reimburse local governments for expenses incurred for the operation of an animal shelter due to a catastrophic disaster or the denial, suspension or revocation of the animal shelter's registration. The statute creating this fund also required that rules be issued by the Animal Welfare Section of the NCDA&CS.

The temporary rules were adopted effective November 29, 2016. The permanent rules were adopted effective November 1, 2017. The rules may be found on the N.C. Animal Welfare Section website. The direct link is: <http://www.ncagr.gov/vet/aws/documents/AnimalShelterSupportFundRules6-4-18.pdf>.