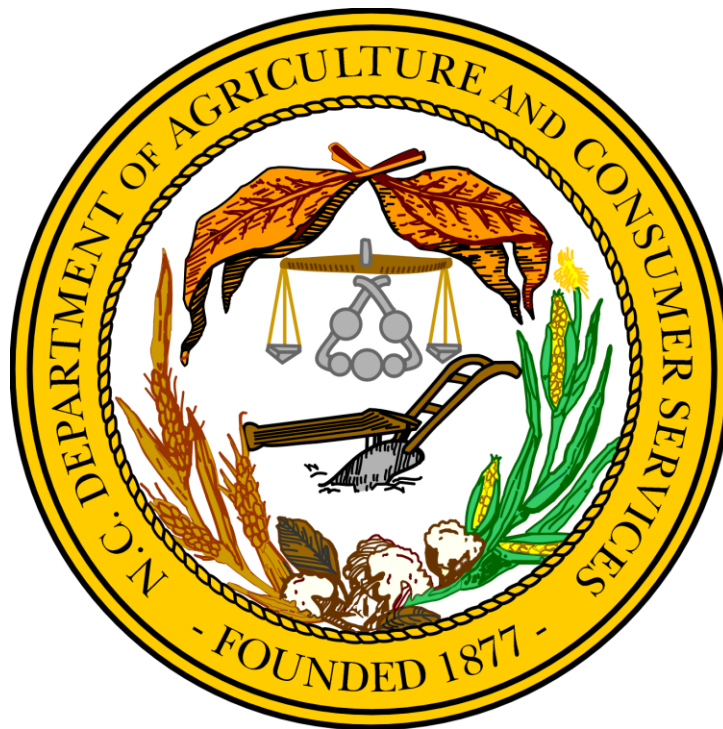


NCDA&CS, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section



Animal Shelter Support Fund Legislative Report

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Purpose of Report

Pursuant to NC General Statute § 19A-69, this is the legislative report for the NC 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 NC 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 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 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 NC General Assembly has appropriated \$250,000.00 to the Animal Shelter Support Fund.

Expenditures

No expenditures from this fund have been made as the rule making process is not yet complete.

Summary

In September 2015, the Animal Shelter Support Fund was created by the NC 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 NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This rule making process is underway and the proposed rules are set to be reviewed by the Board of Agriculture during their April 2016 meeting.