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SOCIETY

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Judge Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Judge
220 South Pierce Street
Burnet, Texas 78611

Dear Judge Wilson:

We are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish over the last several years, which is greatly due to the private/public partnerships that have been created and the many generous donors throughout Burnet and Llano Counties. The generosity of the public, along with the hard work and dedication of our board and volunteers, has enabled us to greatly lower the cost of service to the partner entities we serve. The tremendous support from several of our partners has helped us reach and maintain our status as a no-kill shelter, including the City of Burnet contributing \$100,000 towards the purchase of the MASH (Mobile Adoption and Surgical Hospital) and Llano County contributing \$100,000 last year which enabled us to complete a \$500,000 remodel of the facility at no cost to the other partner entities. In fact, in the last several years there has been close to \$1.5m in capital spent, with little or no cost to the many of the entities we serve.

Unfortunately, our septic system has essentially failed and cannot accommodate the new kennels currently under construction which were funded by the City of Marble Falls and community donations. After many months of work to obtain quotes and lower the cost, we have secured a contractor that will install a new septic that is expected to serve the shelter for many years to come at an estimated cost of approximately \$70,000. The City of Granite Shoals and Llano County have contributed \$10,000 each to help offset the cost. The City of Burnet City Council generously agreed to cover all costs not paid by other partner entities.

Given the substantial financial contributions recently made by other partner entities- including the City of Burnet, the City of Granite Shoals, Llano County, and the City of Marble Falls- we believe it is reasonable for Burnet County to contribute toward this essential infrastructure project. The cost of improvements have historically been disproportionately carried by a few of the entities. In order to ensure fairness and equity between the entities, we respectfully request funding assistance in the amount of \$30,000 to support the replacement of the septic system, which is critical to our ability to continue providing high-quality services to the region.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dan McBride". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "McBride" clearly legible.

Dan McBride
President,
Hill Country Humane Society