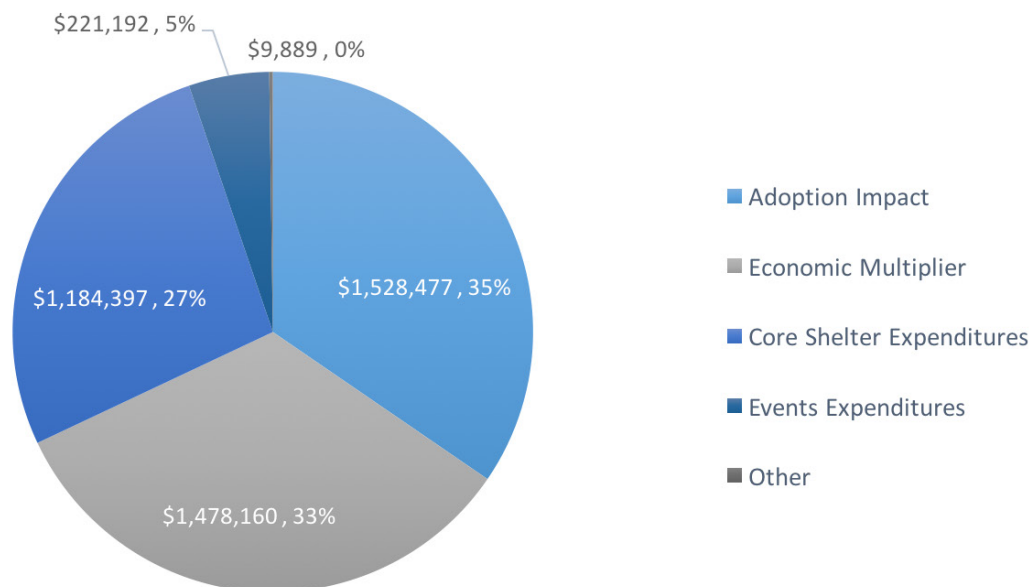


Economic Impact Assessment for the Animal Shelter Fiscal Year 2015

*Conducted in September 2016 by Harry Griffith
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The Animal Shelter makes a significant annual contribution to the vitality of our local economy. An in depth analysis of Animal Shelter revenue, expenses and operations resulted in a total economic impact for Blaine County made up of the direct and indirect benefits of our labor, goods, and services.

ASWRV Economic Impact on Blaine County



Total 2015 Impact = \$4,422,114
(dollars added to the local economy)

Primary Adoption Impacts:

- Approximately 400 local adoptions annually adds up to a significant amount of pet care spending on food, boarding, veterinary care, and supplies
- 200 more adoptions (1/3 of annual total) to families from out of town results in local spending on hotels, meals, gas, and more
- With 50% of the adoptable animals being transported in from overcrowded regional shelters regionally, there are additional local expenditures on transportation, lodging, and more

Core Shelter Expenditures

- Detailed calculations of expenditures on everything from payroll to printing costs, multiplied line by line by percentage spent locally
- With 33 local employees supporting their families, there are also significant indirect expenditures for their family spending, not included in this calculation

Economic Multiplier

- A standard economic analysis tool, there are multipliers for different industries
- The Social Assistance organization multiplier was used for this study

Projections for the impact of the new animal welfare campus will be available in 2017
See study results from SVED at: www.wagthefuture.org

