



MCDC Grant for Animal Care Cottage: Final Report

Financial Report

- Proposed budget of \$80,000 to build a new animal care cottage. \$50,000 grant awarded by MCDC to cover over half of the expenses, the remaining \$30,000 was covered by supplemental grants and donations.

Goals Achieved:

- Larger working space allowing for additional storage and staff
- Safe and functional climate control for staff.
- Consistent and reliable water pressure
- Aesthetic appeal

The new animal care cottage was built by S. Olson Contracting Group, headed by Scott Olson, a local general contractor and construction professional. The new cottage was built in roughly six and a half weeks, followed by demolition of the old cottage, which took roughly one week. The Heard was impressed with the general contractor's professionalism, communication skills and overall timeliness in delivering a quality finished product.

The new cottage has added storage space, expanded work space, upgraded and additional utilities, more refrigeration space and an upgraded HVAC system. The animal care department will be benefited in the long term by having the infrastructure and utilities necessary to continue to improve the quality of the outdoor animal exhibits.

We are most grateful to McKinney Community Development Corporation for paying for the vast majority of this project and empowering the Heard to continue to grow in its mission to "Bring Nature and People Together."

