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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9434	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$17,592 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, ZOONOSIS BRANCH, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$17,592 to conduct spay and neuter activities.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$17,592 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Zoonosis Branch. The grant period is August 31, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Abigail Smith, Animal Service Officer, 972-6088; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Since August of 2000, the Animal Services Office (ASO), formerly the Animal Services Division of HHSD, has worked diligently to decrease the number of euthanized adoptable dogs and cats by funding a free mobile spay/neuter clinic service for low-income families. The City contracts with Emancipet, Inc., a local non-profit organization, on an annual basis and sterilizations are performed by a licensed veterinarian. Emancipet is the only mobile service provider that offers professional veterinary services targeted to low-income pet owners in the Austin area. The surgical cost per animal is well below the average market cost.

The ASO received notice recently that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Zoonosis Branch, was awarding the City \$37,592 through the Animal Friendly Spay/Neuter Grant Awards program. The funding is August 31, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The awards are made possible by the Animal Friendly license plate program. Applications must be submitted to receive any portion of the earmarked proceeds from the license plate program fund.

The grant appropriation in the 2010-2011 budget was \$20,000. The increase represents the difference between the

grant appropriation of \$20,000 and the grant award amount of \$37,592.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Related Department Goal Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Animal Services -- promote responsible pet ownership to reduce animal homelessness.

Outcomes:

The additional funds would allow the City of Austin to increase the number of grant funded sterilizations by approximately 1,000.