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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

66121

Agenda Number

34.

Meeting Date:

January 26, 2017

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with the AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY, to provide animal sterilization and wellness services, in an estimated amount of \$125,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$125,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$375,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$93,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Animal Services Department. Funding for the remaining three months of the initial contract period and for the extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Professional Services

Prior Council
Action:

March 11, 2010 – approved Resolution No. # 20100311-021, adopting recommendations for the implementation plan to reduce animal intake and increase live animal outcomes.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there was insufficient subcontracting opportunities and no availability of certified firms; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide sterilization and wellness services to community cats as mandated by the Council adoption of the No Kill Implementation Plan. The Austin Humane Society (AHS) is currently the only experienced organization providing these services at the volume the City's program requires. Their medical clinic can accommodate a high volume of approximately 60 cat surgeries per day. Private veterinarian clinics do not have the capacity or feral cat handling experience required for this program.

AHS has been operating as the feral cat sterilization clinic in Austin since 2007 and has provided services to more than 50,000 cats. Their clinic staff are specifically trained to handle feral cats with humane care.

This program partnership's success has earned a national reputation. Workshops have been presented at animal welfare conferences to educate other communities on beginning a similar program to meet their cat overpopulation issues.

The department has not had a contract for these services in the past and instead has issued spot-purchases to pay for these services. There is now a need for a contract, as the services are expanded to now include cats brought into the shelter by citizens for shelter and sterilization.

If the City is unable to secure this contract, the feral cat population will increase, contributing to overpopulation and higher shelter costs. This could also lead to a higher rate of common cat diseases such as panleukopenia, feline leukemia, zoonotic diseases such as ringworm and rabies in the shelter and in the community also affecting owned pet cats and residents.

AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY				
	# months	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Original Term	12	\$ 125,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	12	\$ 125,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	12	\$ 125,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	36	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -