

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: 042

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Emancipet, Inc., to provide heartworm treatment services for dogs, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$675,000. (Note: This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Animal Services. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 9200 KDS0118 for these services. The solicitation issued on March 12, 2018 and it closed on April 3, 2018. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents < https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124409 >.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized

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Client Department(s)	Animal Services.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides services for heartworm disease treatment for dogs through vouchers provided to new adoptive families at the time of adoption. Emancipet Inc. (Emancipet) is a local non-profit which can treat the large number of heartworm positive dogs that Animal Services places in permanent homes through their adoption program. Treatment costs at private practice for-profit veterinary clinics can be three to four times higher than treatment offered by Emancipet, depending on dog size and severity of disease infection. Emancipet's treatment protocol follows the guidelines of the American Heartworm Society. This lifesaving program is cost effective to the City as the dog is able to leave the shelter immediately with their new family, and treatment is scheduled by their new owner at the offsite clinic.

Heartworm disease causes lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries, and can affect the dog's health and quality of life long after the parasites are gone. If the disease is not treated, it will progress and eventually cause death due to cardiac failure. It is a major challenge for Animal Services to find permanent homes for shelter dogs with heartworm disease. Providing this treatment option for available shelter dogs allows over 300 heartworm positive dogs to find permanent homes through adoption each year.

The current contract does not expire until June 30, 2019, however the authorized funding has been depleted due to an increase in shelter dogs with heartworm disease. Quantity estimates for the new contract were determined based upon the average number of treatment vouchers issued over the past three years.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length	Contract of Term Authorization
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$405,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$135,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$135,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$675,000

Note:Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

