

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):
FUND:

4/21/2022
Animal Services
Special Revenue

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Animal Services Office Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$65,000 in grant funds from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists for SARS-CoV-2 surveillance and capacity building where humans and animals interface in the environment.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2021-22 Approved	This Action	2021-22 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists			
Grant Period: 01/2022 - 08/2023	0	65,000	65,000
Total	0	65,000	65,000
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Revenue	65,000	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	65,000	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Council approval of this grant amendment in the amount of \$65,000 will allow the Austin Animal Center and the Austin Humane Society to partner to test community cats for SARS-CoV-2. The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19, is believed to have emerged from an animal source and, subsequently, has been identified as zoonotic and capable of infecting a wide range of mammals. Species that are susceptible and have been naturally infected with SARS-CoV-2 include companion animals (cats, dogs, ferrets), farmed animals (mink), captive animals in zoos, sanctuaries, and aquaria (tigers, lions, snow leopards, cougars, fishing cats, puma, gorillas, binturong, coatimundi, otters), and free-ranging wildlife (mink, white-tailed deer).

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Animal Services Office's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.