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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 12173 | Agenda Number | 15. |
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| Meeting Date: | 1/26/2012 | Department: | Health and Human Services |
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$10,629 in grant funds from the AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA), New York, NY; and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20110912-005 to appropriate \$10,629 to provide identification tags for as many pets as possible.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$10,629 is available from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The grant period is December 22, 2011 through December 22, 2012.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | Approval of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget, September 12, 2011. |
| For More Information: | Abigail Smith, Chief Animal Service Officer, 978-5036; Chris Crookham, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010 |
| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

The Animal Services Office (ASO) was recently notified that the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was awarding the City \$10,629 as part of their "ID ME" Tagging Project. The funding is available immediately.

ASO works diligently to decrease the number of euthanized adoptable dogs and cats by providing many outreach and prevention programs. This year, there will be a focus on providing identification for as many pets as possible including those adopted from the Austin Animal Center (Center), those belonging to members of the community and those reclaimed from the Center after being impounded as a stray animal. This grant award will provide Austin Animal Services with one year's worth of collars and tags, in addition to a tag engraving machine. Every animal that leaves the shelter will have an ID tag on them in an effort to prevent future impoundment.

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 will allow Austin Animal Services to provide a free ID tag to every animal leaving the shelter resulting in an increase in lost or stray pets returning to owners.

The General Fund will not be required to provide funding.