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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	26403	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date:	8/29/2013	Department:	Animal Services Office
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$295 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, ZOONOSIS BRANCH, and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Animal Services Office Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$295 to conduct spay and neuter activities.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$295 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Zoonosis Branch. The grant period is August 31, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget, September 13, 2012.
For More Information:	Abigail Smith, Animal Service Officer, 512-978-0536; Joan Hamilton-Huber, 512-978-0538
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Animal Advisory Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The Animal Services Office (ASO) was recently notified that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Zoonosis Control Branch, was awarding the City \$15,295 through the Animal Friendly Spay/Neuter Grant Awards program. The funding is August 31, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The awards are made possible by the Animal Friendly License Plate Program; however, applications must be submitted to receive any portion of the earmarked proceeds.

The grant appropriation in the 2012-2013 Budget was \$15,000. The requested increase represents the difference between the grant appropriation of \$15,000 and the grant award amount of \$15,295.

Since August of 2000, the Animal Services Office, 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. on an annual basis and sterilizations are performed by a licensed veterinarian. Emancipet, a local non-profit organization, is the only mobile high volume spay/neuter service provider that offers professional veterinary services targeted to low-income pet owners in the Austin/Travis County area. The surgical cost per animal is well below the average market cost.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

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