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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36520	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Animal Services Office
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$150,000 in grant funds from the STANTON FOUNDATION; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Animal Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$150,000 for the purchase of a mobile adoption vehicle.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 will be provided by the STANTON FOUNDATION. No city match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Abigail Smith 512-978-0536
Boards and Commission Action:	Funds will be available prior to the next Animal Advisory Commission meeting October 8, 2014.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

A mobile adoption vehicle will enable Animal Services to increase the number and type of offsite adoption events. Extending Animal Services beyond the shelter facility will increase the convenience of adopting a homeless pet and raise awareness of the Austin Animal Center. As a leading no-kill community for 3 years, it is important to continue and enhance the Animal Services off-site adoption program as the community continues to grow in population.

The Stanton Foundation (originally the Ruth and Frank Stanton Fund) is a philanthropic organization established by Frank Stanton and his wife in 1991. The Foundation donates to projects relating to animal welfare, nuclear security, and technology improvements for the projects of the Wikimedia Foundation, and urban planning, among other causes. An animal lover, Stanton established Be Kind to Animals clubs called the Bands of Mercy and earmarked funds for similar ventures. Other animal welfare projects it has funded include the establishment of K-9 police units, off-leash dog parks, and mobile adoption vans for animal shelters.

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.