

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 1, 2018

Item Number: **002**

Animal Services Office

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$167,000 in grant funds from the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Animal Services Office Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$167,000 for the Community Outreach Program.

Lead Department	Animal Services Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$167,000 is available from the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund. A City match is not required.
For More Information	Lee Ann Shenefiel, Interim Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer, phone 512-978-0521; Belinda Hare, Agenda Coordinator, phone 512-978-0565.

Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Animal Center takes in 1.5 animals per 100 residents in its Austin-Travis County jurisdiction.

However, animal intake per 100 residents is more than two to three times that number in three zip codes: 78724, 78702 and 78617. With funds provided by the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund, Animal Services staff will target these three areas for outreach and engagement. Staff will work with residents to develop and deliver services and programs that will help keep pets in homes, reunite more lost pets with their families, and reduce the need for assistance from Animal Services.

Neighborhoods included in this two-year program were identified through data analysis that includes: higher than average intake of animals per 100 residents; lower than average return-to-owner rates; high number of Animal Protection service requests called into 3-1-1; and an assessment of access to pet-related resources such as veterinary clinics, trainers, and affordable boarding services. The goal is an animal services program model that works for neighborhoods where more intensive services are needed and which should ultimately decrease intake of pets and nuisance behaviors in the community.