



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2417, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Animal Services Office Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$10,000 in grant funds from the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund, for the Foster Program.

Lead Department

Animal Services Office (ASO)

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 will be available from the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Funding from the Duffield Family Foundation, dba Maddie's Fund, was issued to shelters across the nation to assist with the increase in foster families and pets being placed into foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic. These were one-time funds that require no additional services of any City Departments other than Animal Services, who will participate in a video conference to discuss our foster experience during the closure.

From May 16, 2020, through June 16, 2020, Austin Animal Services sent 901 pets into foster care. During that same period, 476 were adopted directly from foster care. As of June 16, 2020, there are 396 animals in foster homes.

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.