



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230508-5

Date: June 7, 2023

Subject: Recommendation from Animal Advisory Commission ("AAC") regarding Unused Spay and Neuter Funding

Motioned By: Dr. Amanda Bruce

Seconded By: Luis Herrera

Recommendation:

The AAC recommends that funds dedicated to the provision of spay-and-neuter services that are unspent in a fiscal year be set aside and allocated as additional funds for spay-and-neuter services for the following fiscal year.

Description of Recommendation to Council:

The AAC passed the following resolution:

The Animal Advisory Commission recommends to the Austin City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court that unspent spay/neuter funds for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 not be returned to the general fund but be set aside to be used for Fiscal Year 2023-24 following a request for proposal (RFP) process to identify a third-party vendor to perform additional spay/neuter services, targeted specifically toward our population of animals most likely contributing to shelter intake.

Rationale:

The AAC recognizes the need to provide free and low-cost spay-and-neuter services to the public. This need has increased due to the decline of the provision of such services during Covid years, both nationally and locally.

Vote:

The motion passed 11-0.

For: Chair Clinton, Commissioners Smagula, Dr. Nilson, Herrera, Tucker, Dulzaides, Dr. Bruce, Linder, Nemer, Huddleston, and Loney

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Neuhaus and Hassen (deemed ineligible to attend by City Clerk's office)

Attest:



Don Bland Chief Animal Services Officer