



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jonathan Gary

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Spay/Neuter Clinic Veterinarian Contracts

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes six contracts for veterinary services providers to perform spay and neuter surgeries at the new ACS clinics (Las Palmas and Denver Heights) in an amount not to exceed \$389,500.00 for a one-year term.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2023, ACS developed a new Strategic Plan with five focus areas: Safe communities; Humane treatment of pets; Placement of pets for life; Positive community connections; and, Thriving and healthy workforce. A critical component in achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan is reducing the number of unwanted pets through spay and neutering and offering affordable and accessible vet care. To advance the City's spay/neuter goals, ACS was allocated funding to open two new spay/neuter clinics to provide services on the historically underserved east and west sides. These clinics will offer free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for San Antonio pets.

In October 2024, ACS received an exemption to the formal solicitation process in accordance with A.D. 1.6 and issued an informal Request for Applications (RFA) on November 19, 2024, which allowed for a non-competitive process for veterinarians to indicate their interest in working with the City and allowed ACS to evaluate applicants on an individual basis. The Small Business Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program was waived.

A total of six applications have been received, evaluated, and recommended for contracts in the following amounts:

- Dr. Kristine Hawkins, DVM - \$114,000
- Dragonfly Veterinary Services, PLLC - \$114,000
- Dr. Mangala Krishnappa, DVM - \$76,000
- Dr. Kristin Hossalla, DVM - \$38,000
- Dr. Connie Schmitt, DVM - \$38,000
- Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, DVM - \$9,500

In addition to routine sterilization surgeries, contractors will provide non-routine sterilization surgeries such as cryptorchid, pyometra, in-heat, gravid, and hernias. Additionally, veterinary partners will provide wellness services, such as pet examinations, vaccinations, microchipping, and minor medical care related to the surgery.

Contracted veterinarians will be compensated at a rate one \$1,300.00 per shift with a \$50.00 per shift travel stipend for those travelling from outside the City of San Antonio limits and more than 25 miles away from the clinic.

#### **ISSUE:**

Approval of this ordinance will authorize six contracts with spay/neuter veterinary services providers in an amount of \$389,500.00 for a one-year term. As part of ACS's commitment to increasing spay and neuter accessibility, these contracts will enable our new clinics to provide free services for San Antonio pets. These contracts will also help ACS meet its annual target of supporting over 41,000 spay and neuter surgeries.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should City Council not approve these spay and neuter contracts, no surgeries would be provided at the new Las Palmas and Denver Heights clinics. If the contract amounts were not approved, approximately 5,000 fewer surgeries per year would be provided.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes six contracts for spay and neuter veterinary services in an annual amount not to exceed \$389,500.00 for a one-year term. Funding is available in the FY 2025 Adopted

General Fund Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.