



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Audit and Accountability Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Animal Care Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Shannon Sims

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Post-Solicitation High Profile item for Community Spay and Neuter Surgeries

SUMMARY:

The Animal Care Services Department (ACS) solicited proposals from multiple qualified organization(s) and/or licensed veterinarians who are interested in providing free spay/neuter surgeries to the community in Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2026. Surgeries, including pre- and post- surgical medical evaluation, will be provided to San Antonio residents, free of charge. Selected partners will also provide vaccines and microchips at no cost for pets receiving free sterilizations. Selected partners will be reimbursed for each free surgery, vaccine, and microchip provided. ACS is looking to enter into agreements with multiple organizations to provide multiple service options to residents of San Antonio and ensure convenient locations across the city. In particular, the City is looking for multiple organizations that can provide a total of approximately 12,500 spay/neuter surgeries annually and will be under a non-exclusive contract.

Spaying/neutering of all pets is encouraged at an early age for the better health of the pet. It has been documented that early spaying of females alleviates health issues later such as mammary tumors. The early neutering of males will reduce the incidence of prostate problems, testicular cancer, and discourage territory marking, running off issues, etc. Spaying/neutering, most importantly, helps greatly reduce our current overpopulation problem.

The City currently supports approximately 40,000 spay/neuter surgeries as a result of on-site surgeries, two partner-operated veterinary clinics, and the community spay/neuter program. Our goal is to maintain this number of surgeries, as well as maintain and exceed the City's current Live Release Rate. The completion of this RFQ is required to complete this goal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On April 7, 2022, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released for Community Spay/Neuter Services. The RFQ was advertised in the San Antonio Express-News, TVSA channel, the City's Bidding & Contracting Opportunities website, the San Antonio e-Procurement System (SAePS) and email notification was released to a list of potential Respondents.

On June 1, 2022, three proposals were received. The three proposals were deemed responsive and moved forward for full proposal evaluation. The evaluation committee representatives were David McCary, Assistant City Manager, City Manager's Office; Shannon Sims, Director, Animal Care Services; Brad Davenport, Assistant Director, Animal Care Services; Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter, Chief Veterinarian, Animal Care Services; Shannon Oster-Gabrielson, Assistant to the Director, Animal Care Services; Rita Braeutigam, Chair, Animal Care Services Advisory Board.

The evaluation committee met to discuss and score all three responsive proposals on July 5, 2022. The proposals were evaluated and scored on Experience, Background, and Qualifications (45 points) and Proposed Plan (55 points). The committee recommends to award all three Respondents.

This item is scheduled for City Council consideration on September 15, 2022.

ISSUE:

For briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to proceed with scheduling three contracts for City Council consideration to provide Community Spay/Neuter Services for an estimated total value of \$5,900,000.00 for a term of 3 years with 2, 1-year options to renew.