

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23ANIMAL TRANSPORT DONATION ACCEPTANCE AND FUND APPROPRIATION

## SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Donations in the Special Donations LTD Fund in the Amount of \$50,000.00 from Contributions from Others to Support the Animal Transportation Program for the Code Compliance Department and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of donations to support the Animal Transportation Program; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations LTD Fund, in an amount of \$50,000.00, from Contributions from Others, for the purpose of funding the Animal Transportation Program for the Code Compliance Department.

## DISCUSSION:

In November 2025, the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control (FWACC) expanded the Animal Transport Program (ATP). ATP allows the community and other stakeholders to donate to animal transportation. This donation fund will help offset the operational costs for animal transportation.

The FWACC has had the privilege to receive the generosity of a private entity to fund and provide animal transportation services through January 31, 2026. Through this generosity, in Fiscal Year 2025 1,045 animals have been transported (as of November 19, 2025) and an estimated 300 animals will be transported through the end of the funding term.

This current funding is only secured until January 31, 2026, and it is not expected to continue. Animal transportation is a vital service provided to FWACC allowing animals to be transported to recognized transfer partners, and communities with a demand for adoptable pets. This service helps with prioritizing the welfare, safety, and adoptability of an animal. Animal transport helps to address overcrowding of the FWACC facilities and reduces stress on the animals.

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is for the FWACC to seek authorization to accept donations to secure ongoing and future transports to sustain the ATP. These funds have been deposited into the Special Donations LTD Fund where they will be directed to allow animal transports to the designated locations. This request also seeks authorization to appropriate \$50,000.00 from Special Donations LTD to ensure animal transportation does not cease at the end of January 2026.

This authorization aims to secure resources that will directly benefit community and shelter animals. By supporting the Animal Transportation Program, the City Council continues to support animal welfare and reduce euthanasia rates by safely relocating shelter animals to areas with higher demand, giving them a better chance at adoption.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

## FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies funds are currently available in the Code Compliance Donations project within the Special Donations LTD Fund and upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Special Donations LTD Fund for the Animal Transportation Initiative. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Code Compliance Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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