

Public Investment Plan (PIP) – Quarterly Reporting Form

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Convener:	Department of General Services
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Reporting Period:	1 st Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Quarter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th Quarter <input type="checkbox"/>

1. Project Funding-Provide budget to actual information. See attachment 1 and provide comments in the area below.

The facilitation services for the Mayor’s committee and services for cats funded through this PIP were completed as follows:

Service—	Instances	Amount
spay	246	\$9,840.00
neuter	217	\$5,425.00
spay/in heat	2	\$100.00
spay/pregnant	10	\$500.00
cryptorchid	1	\$50.00
rabies vaccine	510	\$8,160.00
round trips (pick-up and return)	515	\$10,300.00
Total Cats Served	490	
Committee/Work Group Facilitations Svcs.		\$11,834.00
		\$46,209.00

NOTE: The number of rabies vaccinations, surgeries, trip charges, and total cats served vary, because sometime cats come in already spayed or neutered, but, as needed, they are vaccinated and returned to the field.

2. Provide an update on the actions taken to date on the implementation of the project, including key milestones, deliverables and project schedule. Please address all relevant points in section 2 of your Project Charter.

During the second quarter the eight-member *Animal Welfare Advisory Committee* formally met 6 times. In these meetings, the committee made determinations related to organizational aspects of how it will complete its work and identified process partners (*Mars Petcare*, *Target Zero*, and *Best Friends Animal Society*). As previously reported, the committee determined five focus areas— education, legislation, volunteer and foster program, resource identification and development, and community cats— and established associated work groups for the development of recommendations. Additionally, the committee worked through substantive matters including a review of differing perspectives on the Community Cats program as well as investigating the details of best practices from multiple resources in “aspirational cities” (Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (Austin, Texas), No Kill Los Angeles Initiative (Los Angeles, California), New York City Mayor’s Alliance, and the San Antonio, and the Texas Animal Care Services Department). *Mars Petcare* shared with the committee a preliminary version of their *Better Cities for Pets* presentation, which will be presented the week of January 17th at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C.. The committee also reviewed the specifics of a gap analysis of animal welfare in Davidson County completed by *Best Friends Animal Society*.

More significant work, in researching best practices, and identify methods and objectives for recommendation, has been completed in the individual work groups, each focused on one of the following:

- Education — humane education for the community and programmatic training for volunteers and professionals in the front lines of animal welfare work.
- Legislation — clarity and improvements in and removal of barriers to animal welfare through the legislative process.
- Volunteer and Foster Program — effective community engagement and a thriving volunteer and foster network offering practical benefits through reduced shelter staff pressure, temporary homes for animals, reduced animal

stress (making them more desirable for adoption), avenues for adoption, and per-animal cost of care reduction.

- Resource Catalog & Rescue Resource Development — catalog existing, animal welfare resources and increase high-performance resources through enhanced public-private partnerships as well as improved coordination, collaboration, and partnerships.
- Community Cats — support structures and realization of the purpose statement:
to expand the existing Community Cat program with a more robust support system through education, communication, volunteerism, resources and engaged, committed, community involvement.

To help with this work, the committee enlisted over 25 additional, local leaders within the animal welfare community (representing affiliations with *Agape Rescue, Best Friends Animal Society, Crossroads, Habitat for Paws, Heaven Can Wait, Hip Donelson Lost & Found Pets, Mayor's Youth Council, Metro Animal Care & Control, Music City Animal Advocates, Nashville Humane Association, NHR Board, Oasis, Pet Community Center, Rescue/Lost & Found, and Target Zero*). The committee will, likewise, determine ways in which more and more people can make meaningful, productive commitments to assist with the continued implementation of animal welfare best practices.

While these efforts are “a work in progress” and much remains to be done, the committee will seek to add a strategic framework and a connected network of private sector, stakeholders, and advocates toward making recent advances in animal welfare sustainable over the long haul.

3. Provide a status of the measurable criteria listed in your final scope of work. Please address all relevant points in section 3 of your Project Charter.

Metro/*Pet Community Center* Community Cats program work under this PIP is also advancing on the achievement of the following, measurable criteria:

- reduction of Metro Animal Control and Care (MACC) intake of community cats in FY 2018;
- reduction of MACC euthanasia of community cats in FY 2018;
- comprehensive animal welfare strategy adopted for implementation beginning in FY 2018; and
- spay/neuter 1,400 community cats by June 30, 2017.

4. Project Completion Status-Is the project on schedule as outlined in your Project Charter? Please address all relevant points in section 4 of your Project Charter.

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee work is well under way, in particular, toward meeting the measurable criteria of determining a comprehensive animal welfare strategy and beginning its implementation in FY 2018. Every effort is being made to document conclusions so that they can be considered in the impending, FY 2018 budget process.

The Community Cats program funded by this PIP resulted in the services detailed in section 1 (above). The initial implementation delay and the fact that the winter quarters are by nature a slower period in terms of serving cats is essentially the reason that the totals from two quarters has not reached half the target total. However, it is expected that 3rd and 4th quarter trap and release numbers will rise to reach the Community Cats spay/neuter target total.

