

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program and transfer of funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the transfer of funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices as detailed in the December 15, 2023, Department of Animal Services report, attached to the Council file.
2. APPROVE the disbursement of the funds in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund.
3. DIRECT the Department of Animal Services to include expenditures authorized in the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) report in the Department's Quarterly Financial Reports to the Board.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Animal Services reports that there will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The donations deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, Available Account are for unrestricted purposes and can be used to support Department programs in accordance with the provisions of the Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 21, 2024, your Committee considered the December 15, 2023 Department of Animal Services report relative to the status of the STAR Program and the transfer of funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
HUTT:	YES