

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

25-0010

QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER ZARIN D, GRACEY, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Gracey, Cadena, West (**9:10 a.m.), Bazaldua (**9:10 a.m.), Roth (**9:08 a.m.), Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Secretary Staff

Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials for this meeting are filed with the City Secretary's Office as EXHIBIT C.

**** Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened.**

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EXHIBIT A

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Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee

October 20, 2025

9:00 AM

2025 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AD HOC COUNCIL COMMITTEES	COUNCIL COMMITTEES
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS Moreno (C), Cadena, M. Johnson, Mendelsohn, Stewart <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Moreno (C), Ridley (VC), Blair, Cadena, Gracey, Roth, West <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS Willis (C), Blair, Cadena, Mendelsohn, Stewart <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>	PARKS, TRAILS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT Stewart, (C), West (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Blair, M. Johnson, Ridley <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS Ridley (C), Resendez, Roth, Stewart, West <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>	FINANCE West (C), Stewart (VC), Gracey, M. Johnson, Moreno, Resendez, Willis <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Mendelsohn (C), M. Johnson, Moreno, Ridley, Stewart <p style="text-align: right;">* Assigned: 07/17/25</p>	HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Mendelsohn (C), Blair (VC), Bazaldua, Gracey, Moreno, Resendez, Willis <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS Stewart (C), Blackmon, M. Johnson, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez, Roth, West, Willis <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>	PUBLIC SAFETY Mendelsohn (C), Moreno (VC), Cadena, M. Johnson, Resendez, Roth, Stewart <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION West (C), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Blair, Cadena, Resendez, Ridley <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE Gracey (C), Cadena (VC), Bazaldua, Ridley, Roth, West, Willis <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
	TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Ridley (C), Roth (VC), Blackmon, Blair, Cadena, Gracey, Mendelsohn <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>
	GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY M. Johnson (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Resendez, Ridley, Roth <p style="text-align: right;">**Assigned: 08/29/25</p>

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

* Assigned: 07/17/25

**Assigned: 08/29/25

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

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- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
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"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

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"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."

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Call to Order

MINUTES

1. [25-2910A](#) Approval of the June 9, 2025, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. [25-2918A](#) Library Bond Projects - CBRE
[Peter Jansen, Southwest Regional Manager & Executive Vice President, CBRE; Larisa Ortiz, Managing Director of Public Non-profit Solutions, Streetsense; Jodi Dubyoski, Senior Urban Designer, Streetsense; Ashley Eubanks, Assistant Director, Facilities and Real Estate Management]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- B. [25-2917A](#) Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County Health and Human Services to Authorize Public Health Authority
[Kevin Oden, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response; Travis Houston, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- C. [25-2914A](#) Extraordinary Neighborhood Events
[Christopher Christian, Director, Code Compliance Services; Jeremy Reed, Director, Code Compliance Services; Major Pollyanna Ashford, Major of Police, Dallas Police Department; Dr. Ghassan Khankarli, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works; Dr. Andreea Udrea, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

BRIEFING MEMOS

- D. [25-2924A](#) Dallas Animal Services Operations Overview
[Paul Ramon, Director, Dallas Animal Services; Victoria Chittam-Bennett, Assistant Director, Dallas Animal Services]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

- E. [25-2925A](#) Upcoming Office of Procurement Services Agenda Item for Housing and Community Empowerment - Financial Empowerment Centers
[Thor Erickson, Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment; Jessica Galleshaw, Deputy Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

- F. [25-2929A](#) FY 2025-26 Cultural Organizations Program Funding Allocation
[Martine Philipe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

- G. [25-2935A](#) Forest Green Library Public Art Project Artist Recommendation
[Martine Philipe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Lynn Rushton, Public Arts Manager, Office of Arts and Culture]

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

FORECAST

- H. [25-2942A](#) Quality of Life, Arts and Culture (QOLAC) Committee Forecast: briefing items to be placed on the QOLAC Committee agendas for November 17, 2025, through December 2, 2025

Attachments: [Forecast](#)

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code § 551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code § 551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code § 551.089]
8. deliberating cybersecurity measures, policies, or contracts solely intended to protect a critical infrastructure facility. [Tex. Gov't Code § 551.0761]

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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Item 1: Approval of the June 9, 2025, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis and unanimously adopted. (West, Bazaldua, Roth absent when vote taken)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 20, 2025

BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

Item A: Library Bond Projects – CBRE

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Alina Ciocan, Assistant City Manager, City Manager’s Office;
- Donzell Gipson, Assistant City Manager, City Manager’s Office;
- Peter Jansen, Southwest Regional Manager & Executive Vice President, CBRE;
- Larisa Ortiz, Managing Director of Public Non-profit Solutions, Streetsense;
- Jodi Dubyoski, Senior Urban Designer, Streetsense; and
- Manya Shorr, Director, Library

Councilmember West moved the following:

- The city to explore a private development partnership to align with Park Forest and Oak Cliff Library bond projects, encourages staff to explore options for other public-private partnership projects that can benefit from similar bond projects, and request that city council consider a further policy discussion on the subject in the future.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua and unanimously adopted.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

Item B: Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County Health and Human Services to Authorize Public Health Authority

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Kevin Oden, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response;
- Travis Houston, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response; and
- Philip Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services

Councilmember Ridley motion to forward the item to the city council on October 22, 2025 voting agenda meeting of the city council with a recommendation of approval from the committee.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Cadena and unanimously adopted.

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BRIEFING AND ACTION ITEMS

Item C: Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Christopher Christian, Director, Code Compliance Services;
- Jeremy Reed, Assistant Director, Code Compliance Services;
- Major Pollyanna Ashford, Major of Police, Dallas Police Department;
- Dr. Ghassan Khankarli, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works; and
- Dr. Andreea Udrea, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis moved to forward the item to city council for a full briefing.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

Chair Gracey called a record vote on Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis' motion:

Voting Yes: [3] Gracey, Cadena, Willis

Voting No: [4] West, Bazaldua, Roth, Ridley

The chair declared the motion failed.

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BRIEFING MEMOS

- Item D: Dallas Animal Services Operations Overview
- Item E: Upcoming Office of Procurement Services Agenda Item for Housing and Community Empowerment - Financial Empowerment Centers
- Item F: FY 2025-26 Cultural Organizations Program Funding Allocation
- Item G: Forest Green Library Public Art Project Artist Recommendation

The committee discussed the items.

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FORECAST

Item H: Quality of Life, Arts and Culture (QOLAC) Committee Forecast: briefing items to be placed on the QOLAC Committee agendas for November 17, 2025, through December 2, 2025

The committee discussed the item.

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EXHIBIT C



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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 25-2918A

Item #: A.

Library Bond Projects - CBRE

[Peter Jansen, Southwest Regional Manager & Executive Vice President, CBRE; Larisa Ortiz, Managing Director of Public Non-profit Solutions, Streetsense; Jodi Dubyoski, Senior Urban Designer, Streetsense; Ashley Eubanks, Assistant Director, Facilities and Real Estate Management]

This information is not available at this time. Please check back for updates.



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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 25-2917A

Item #: B.

Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County Health and Human Services to Authorize Public Health Authority

[Kevin Oden, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response; Travis Houston, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management and Crisis Response]



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Dallas County ILA to Authorize Public Health Authority

Kevin Oden
Director

Travis Houston
Deputy Director

Emergency Management & Crisis Response
City of Dallas

Presentation Overview



- FY 26-27 Health Authority Interlocal Agreement
- Background and Legal Framework
- Role and Responsibilities of the Health Authority
- Health Authority Appointment and Qualifications
- Benefits to the City of Dallas
- Next Steps



FY 26-27 Health Authority Interlocal Agreement



- Authorizes a two-year agreement with Dallas County for Dr. Phillip Huang to serve as the City's Health Authority
- Ensures provision of essential public health services to City of Dallas residents
- Total cost: not to exceed \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year)
- Maintains same terms as FY 24-25 agreement



Background and Legal Framework



- Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) Director Dr. Phillip Huang currently serves as Health Authority
- State law (Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 121) requires each jurisdiction to appoint a Health Authority
- The Health Authority acts as a state officer in enforcing public health laws and managing disease control
- Health Authority defaults to Department of State Health Services Regional Director if one is not appointed



Role and Responsibilities



- Fulfill statutory duties under Texas Health & Safety Code §121.024
- Enforce public health laws and control communicable diseases (e.g., quarantine orders, contact tracing and notifications)
- Notify the City's Office of Emergency Management & Crisis Response (EMCR) of incidents within 24 hours
- Respond to infectious disease inquiries from EMCRC within 24 hours
- Participate in Unified Command during declared public health emergencies and disasters



Health Authority Appointment and Qualifications



- Appointed: Dr. Philip Huang, MD, MPH (Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services) for a two-year term
- Required qualifications:
 - Licensed physician in good standing in Texas
 - Resident of Texas
 - Officially appointed and sworn in, with filing to the state



Benefits to the City of Dallas



- Strengthens City of Dallas' operational public health framework
- Enhances coordination between DCHHS and EMCR during preparedness and response
- Ensures unified command and information sharing during emergencies
- Serves entirety of City of Dallas, including areas outside of Dallas County



Next Steps and Questions



- Advance the ILA to City Council on **October 22, 2025**, for adoption





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Dallas County ILA to Authorize Public Health Authority

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Agenda Information Sheet

File #: 25-2914A

Item #: C.

Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

[Christopher Christian, Director, Code Compliance Services; Jeremy Reed, Director, Code Compliance Services; Major Pollyanna Ashford, Major of Police, Dallas Police Department; Dr. Ghassan Khankarli, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works; Dr. Andreea Udrea, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development]



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Update - Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

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Planning and Development Department

Overview



Update on Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

- Background
- Operational Considerations
- Policy Considerations
- Next Steps



Background



The Quality of Life, Arts & Culture (QOLAC) Committee requested a presentation to review existing policies and formulate a strategy for managing “Extraordinary Neighborhood Events” on April 21, 2025.

Convention & Event Services and Code Compliance staff briefed on current permitted Special Events in neighborhoods, Chapter 42A requirements for events in neighborhoods, other enforcement logistics, and current resource allocation.



Operational Considerations



Possible Code Enhancements:

- Explore land use amendments - PDD
- Excessive light as a nuisance - CCS
- Presumption of offensive noises - DPD
- Valet and Parking - TPW



Land Use Amendments



- Consider expanding the existing Commercial Amusement (Inside and Outside) definitions to explicitly include venues that host private events, such as weddings, banquets, and receptions.
- Consider adding a prohibition against operation of a commercial event at a residence, either in the Single Family or the Accessory Use sections.
- PDD recommends considering providing direction to the code reform consultant to address this within the broader zoning code update.



Excessive Light as a Nuisance



Consider adding prohibition against excessive illumination or other attractions that becomes a nuisance to Chapter 27.

Excessive Illumination:

A property shall not use excessive illumination or other attractions in a manner that results in sustained public gathering, traffic congestion, or impeded emergency or homeowner access.

The determination of excessive illumination or other attractions shall be based on:

- Documented complaints from multiple property owners.
- Observations by city inspectors confirming sustained crowding or street congestion.
- Public safety concerns as determined by law enforcement or emergency responders.



Excessive Light as a Nuisance



Consider adding a maximum footcandle threshold at a public right of way or adjacent property line for residential properties.

Excessive Illumination example:

A residential property shall not use, have, or maintain outdoor lighting that exceeds [0.3-0.5] footcandles measured at the property line at 5 feet above grade.

* Proposed illumination limit range informed by a review of comparable outdoor lighting standards adopted in other Texas municipalities.



Noise



Violation:

- Ch. 30: Any loud and disturbing noise or vibration in the city that is offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city.

Developments:

- Creation of Code's Night-Time Entertainment Team to address noise related to public spaces pubs, clubs, and bars under Ch. 30-4, as well as certificate of occupancy, specific use permit (SUP), and land use violations.
- Amended Habitual Nuisance Property Ordinance to include noise as an eligible offense



Noise



Operational Considerations:

- Code Compliance's ability to enforce noise in public spaces and mechanical noise
- Inability to address noise violations via civil citations

Department Action Items:

- Consideration of notice for chronic noise complaints (DPD)
- Prosecutorial training (CAO)

Policy Considerations:

- Add mechanical loudspeaker or sound amplifier in residential areas during specific times as presumed offensive. (DPD)



Valet and Parking



Valet Operations

- Licensing requirement doesn't apply to the following:
 - Occasional valet parking service at a private residence or
 - In connection with a social or fund-raising activity
 - Operated on private property and no use of public right of way

Parking Violations

- Dallas City Code permits towing for any Chapter 28 violation
- Does not apply to Parking on an Unapproved Surface violations

City Thoroughfare Plan

- Restricts parking on major and minor arterial streets
- No ordinance to make this a violation



Policy Considerations



Policy considerations for Committee guidance:

- **Land Use Amendments:** Evaluate zoning provisions to clarify or restrict commercial event operations within residential areas.
- **Excessive Illumination:** Consider establishing measurable standards and enforcement authority for excessive light as a neighborhood nuisance.
- **Noise Standards:** Explore adding a presumption of offensiveness for amplified or mechanical noise in residential areas during defined hours.
- **Valet Operations:** Review valet regulations to determine whether additional restrictions are warranted for operations serving private residential events.
- **Parking Controls:** Assess the implications of establishing an ordinance to prohibit parking along major and minor arterial streets to improve safety and access.



Next Steps



- Based on committee feedback, staff will collaborate with the City Attorney's Office to draft language for potential code amendments.
- Staff will brief the Committee on November 17, 2025, on recommended amendments.



Update - Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

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Appendix



Enforcement - Special Events



Relevant Ordinance Section	42A – Special Events
Threshold for a violation	<p>Operating a Special Event without a Special Event Permit.</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENT means a temporary outdoor gathering, with an expected total attendance greater than 100, which involves one or more of the following on private or public property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance:</p> <p>(A) closing or restricting of a public street lane, alley, or sidewalk; (B) restricting access to public property; (C) sale of merchandise, food, alcohol, or other beverages where otherwise not permitted as a neighborhood market or by an annual Dallas Farmers Market farmers market permit; (D) erection of a tent larger than 399 square feet in area or erection of multiple tents with a cumulative area of over 399 square feet; (E) installation of a temporary stage, bandshell, outdoor projection technology, trailer, van, grandstand, bleachers, or portable toilets for public use; (F) use of city hall plaza; (G) a run, walk, ride, or special event parade; (H) placement of temporary no parking, directional, oversized, or identification signs or banners in connection with an event that are placed in or over a public right-of-way, or on private property where otherwise prohibited by ordinance; or (I) clean zone enforcement.</p>
Evidence needed	Confirmation of a Special Event occurring via an inspection; confirmation that the event is not permitted.
Challenges	Expected/actual total of greater than 100 persons is sometimes difficult to allege.



Enforcement – Parking on Unapproved Surfaces



Relevant Ordinance Section	51A-4.301(d)(5) & (5.1) – Residential Parking Surfaces
Threshold for a violation	<p>A motor vehicle parked on a surface other than concrete, asphalt, or other material approved by the Building Official.</p> <p>Violation can go to the owner of the vehicle or to the owner, occupant, or person in control of the property.</p>
Evidence needed	Evidence of a motor vehicle parked on dirt, grass, or another unapproved surface.
Challenges	Code Compliance often gets requested to address extended or extensive parking on the street or on a sidewalk, which requires Transportation or Police.



Enforcement - Noise



Relevant Ordinance Section	30-1 – Loud and Disturbing Noises	51A-6.102 – Noise Regulations
Threshold for a violation	A person commits an offense if he or she makes or causes to be made any loud and disturbing noise or vibration in the city that is offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city.	Each zoning district has a maximum daytime and nighttime decibel level.
Evidence needed	The person committing the noise and the evidence that it disturbs an inhabitant of the city.	An 8-minute average decibel reading showing the property is over the threshold or 5dB over the ambient level.
Challenges	Addressing a noisy house event can be dangerous. Code would be required to obtain the ID of the person committing the noise.	Safety of obtaining a reading adjacent to an event; obtaining the ID of the person creating the noise.



Enforcement - Light Glare



Relevant Ordinance Section	51A-6.104 – Light Glare
Threshold for a violation	Light creating a nuisance by crossing a property line.
Evidence needed	Visible observation by an inspector of a light crossing a property line.
Challenges	Competing light sources; high-prevalence of light crossing property lines makes this largely a complaint-driven code, as light is usually a positive neighborhood aspect.
Possible enhancement	Adding an “excessive illumination as a nuisance” code to chapter 27.



Enforcement - Land Use Violation



Relevant Ordinance Section	51A-1.104 – Certificate of Occupancy requirement
Threshold for a violation	The owner/occupant of a residential house would be in violation if they are conducting a use that is different from single-family residential, such as Commercial Amusement.
Evidence needed	Evidence of Commercial Amusement. E.g., a visual observation of charging an entrance fee, online ticket sales, confirmation of entertainment or games of skill for a fee.
Challenges	Ticket sales on new or private website may not be seen; confirmation of an entrance fee may not be possible; residence may be used as an event venue to host events that are free to attendees; holding owner responsible for renting the property.





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Dallas Animal Services Operations Overview

[Paul Ramon, Director, Dallas Animal Services; Victoria Chittam-Bennett, Assistant Director, Dallas Animal Services]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 20, 2025

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee:

SUBJECT **Dallas Animal Services Performance Overview & Update**

During a recent Public Safety briefing regarding Suspected Animal Cruelty and a more recent budget briefing, Dallas Animal Services (DAS) was requested to provide an update performance overview to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee. Attached you will find materials that provide a summary of the following:

- FY25 Q4 Performance Overview
- Suspected Animal Cruelty Update
- Capacity Analysis & Challenges
- Next Steps

We hope the information provided will assist in understanding where DAS currently stands and what the department is aiming towards in the future.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Director Paul Ramon at paul.ramon@dallas.gov.

[Attachment]

Service First, Now!

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Alina Ciocan
Assistant City Manager

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Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
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Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager

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Overview



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Performance Overview

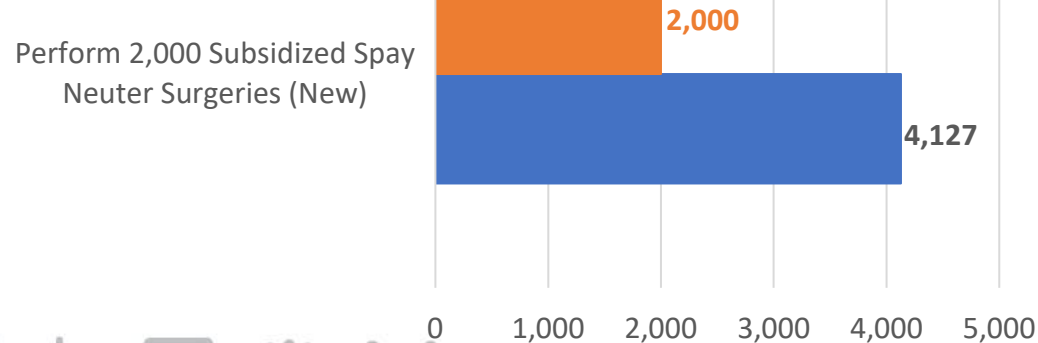
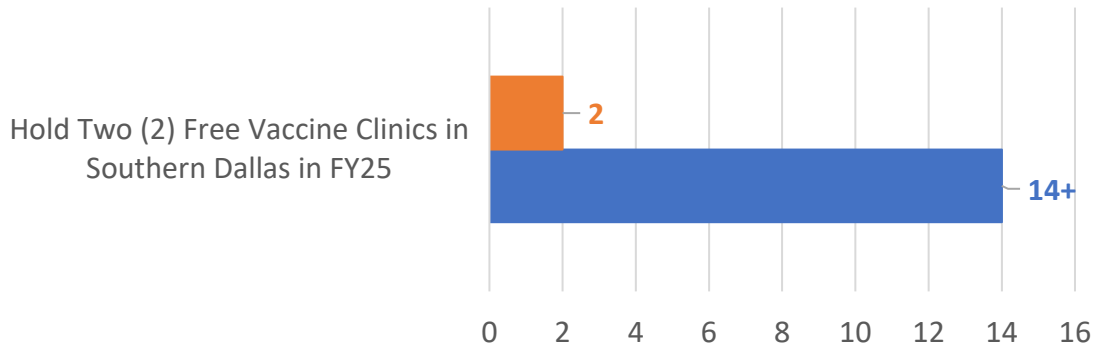


FY25 DAS Performance Measures



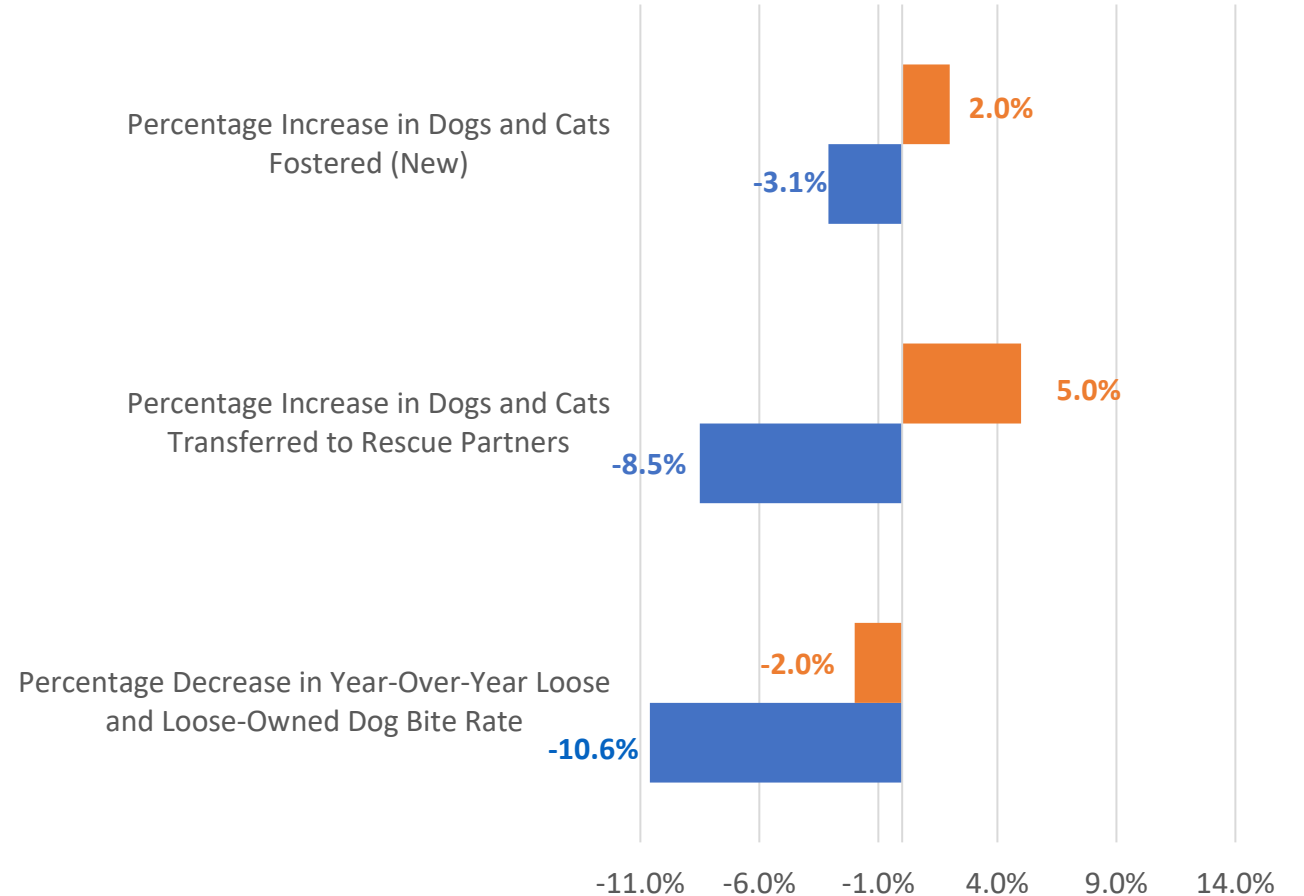
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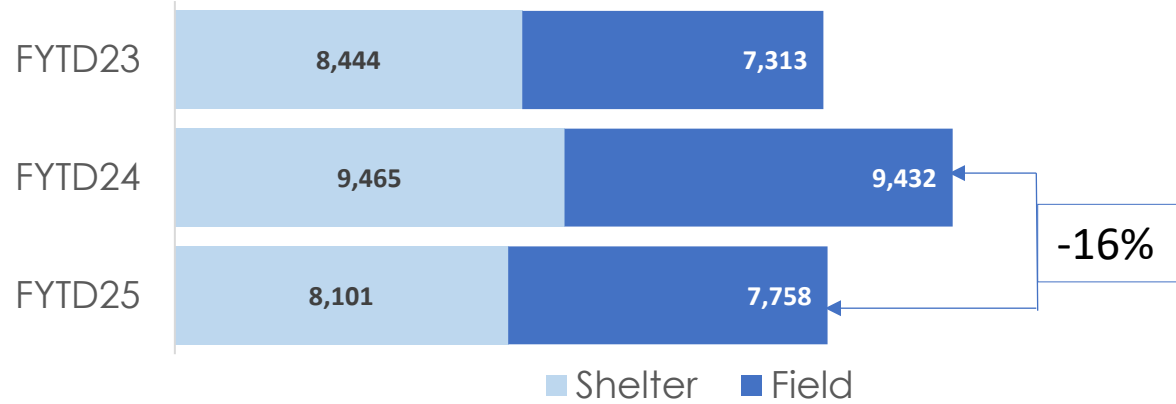


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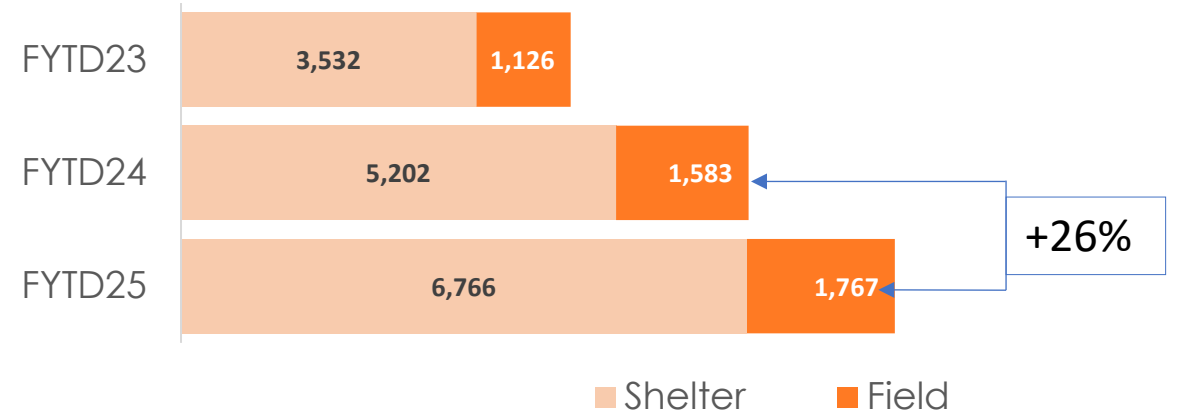


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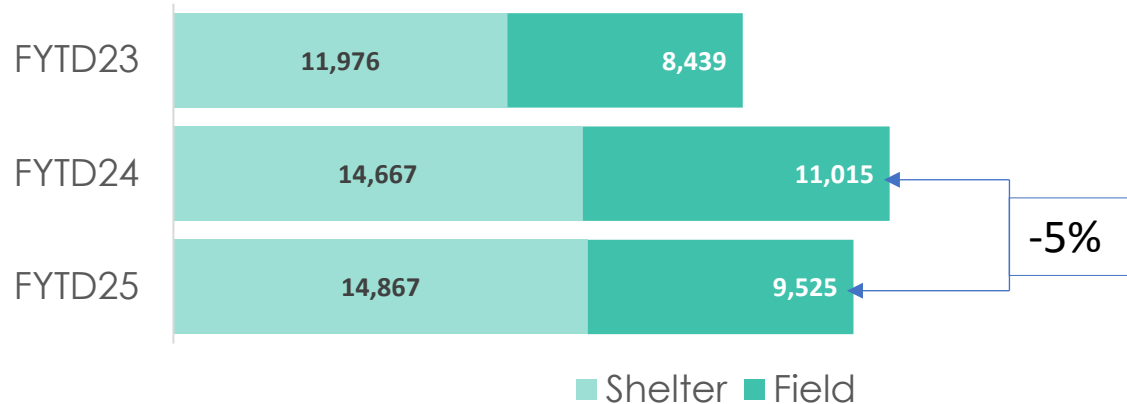
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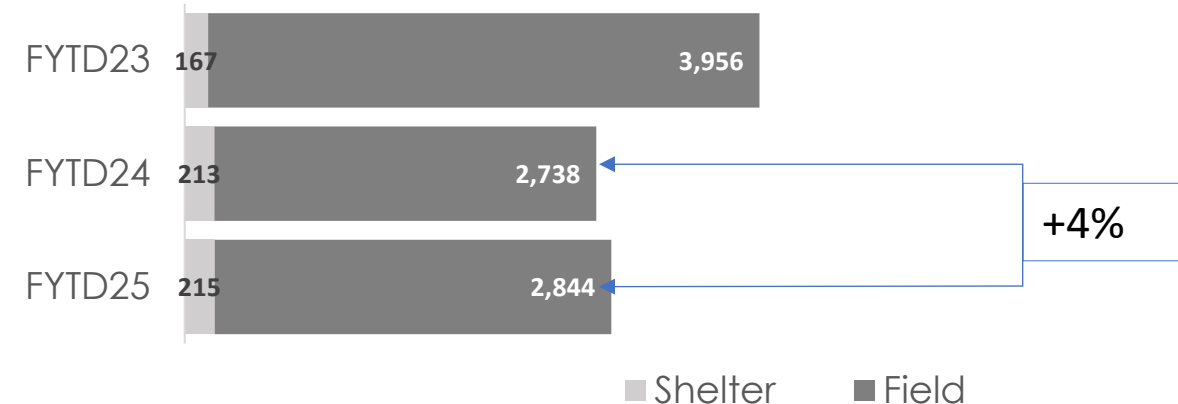
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Combined Dogs & Cats



Other



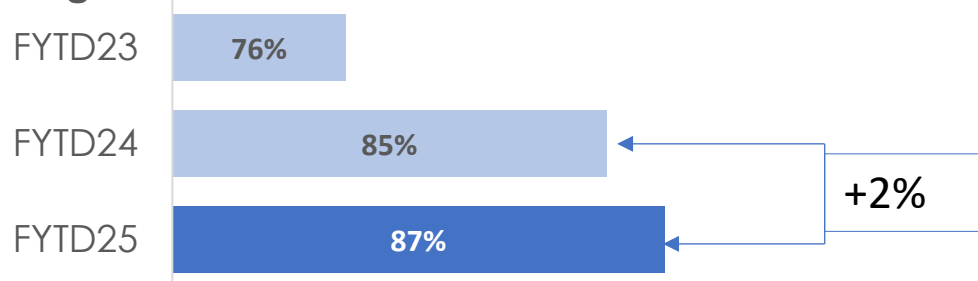
*Dog intake during Q3 & Q4 was skewed due to the rapid spread of illness. During these periods DAS limited intake to sick, critical or emergency surrender

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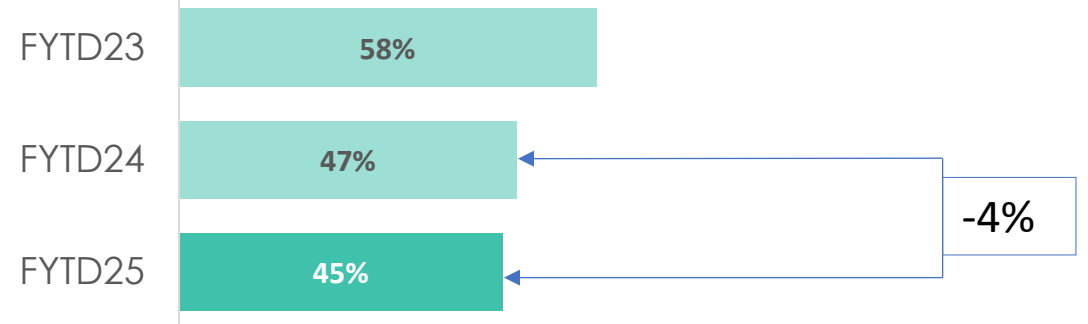


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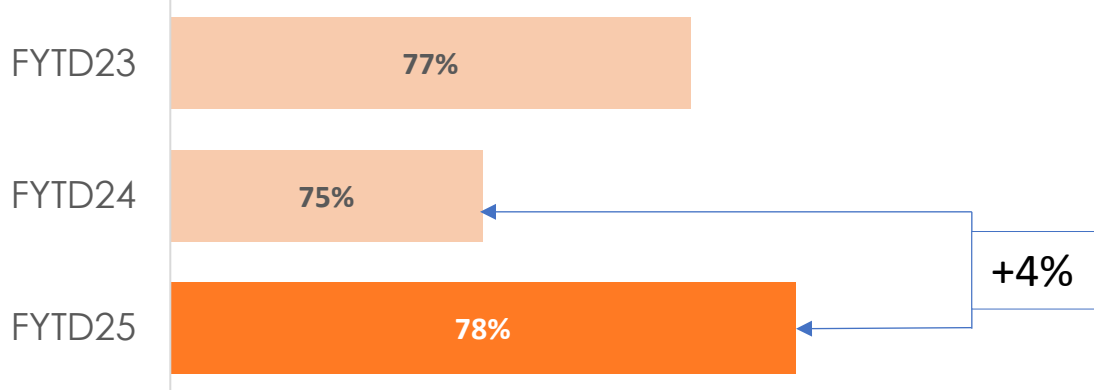
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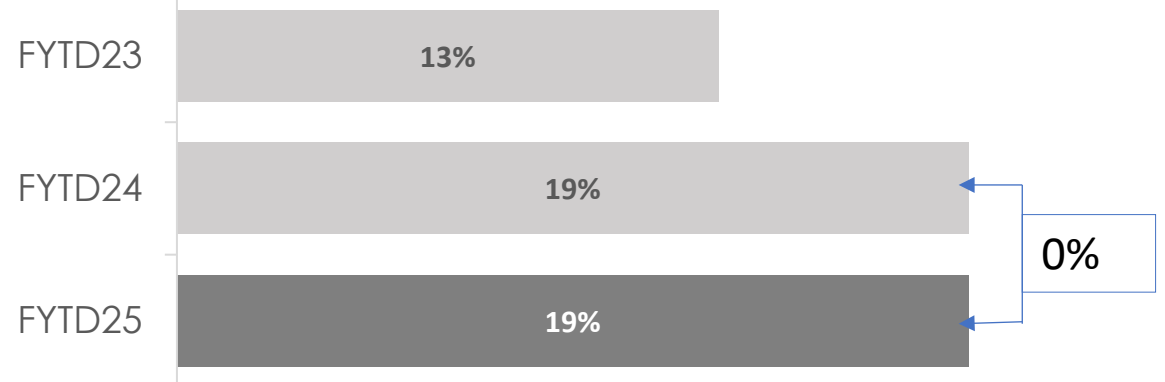
Neonatal Kittens



Cats



Others

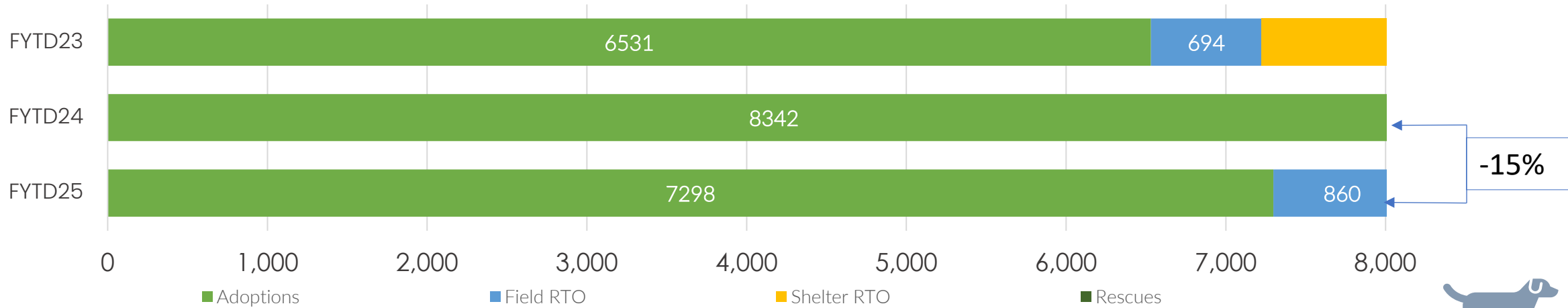


*Live Release Rate for "Cats" is inclusive of Adult cats, kittens and neonates.

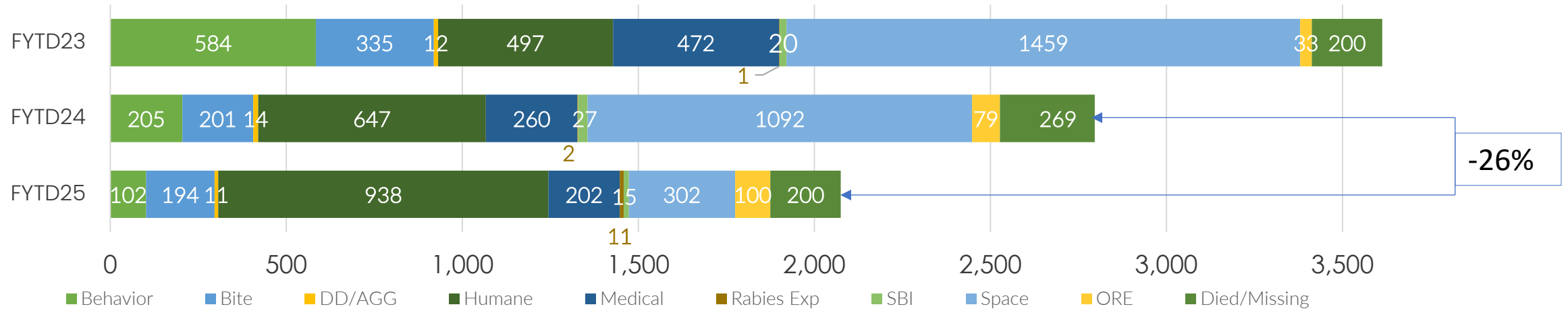
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Live Outcome by Species- Dogs



Non-Live Outcome Reason by Species- Dogs

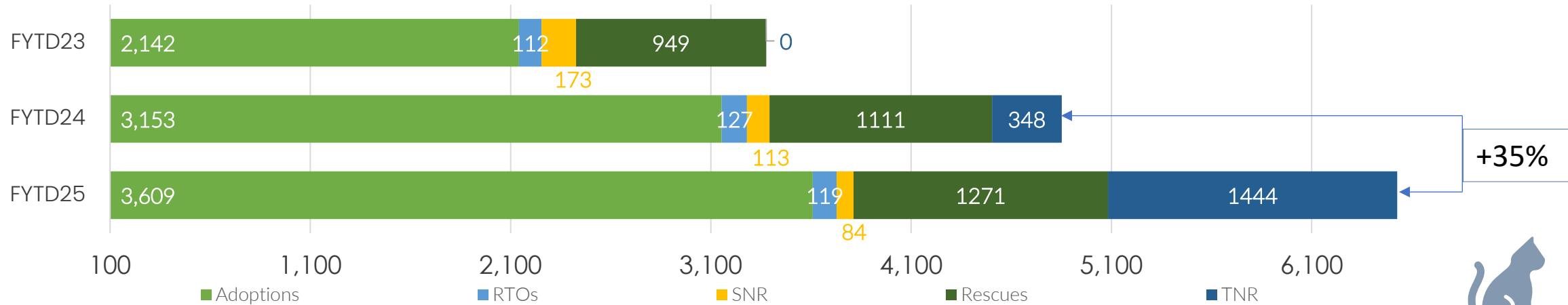


*RTO: Return to Owner, ORE: Owner Requested Euthanasia, DD/AGG: Dangerous Dog/Aggressive, SBI: Serious Bite Investigation

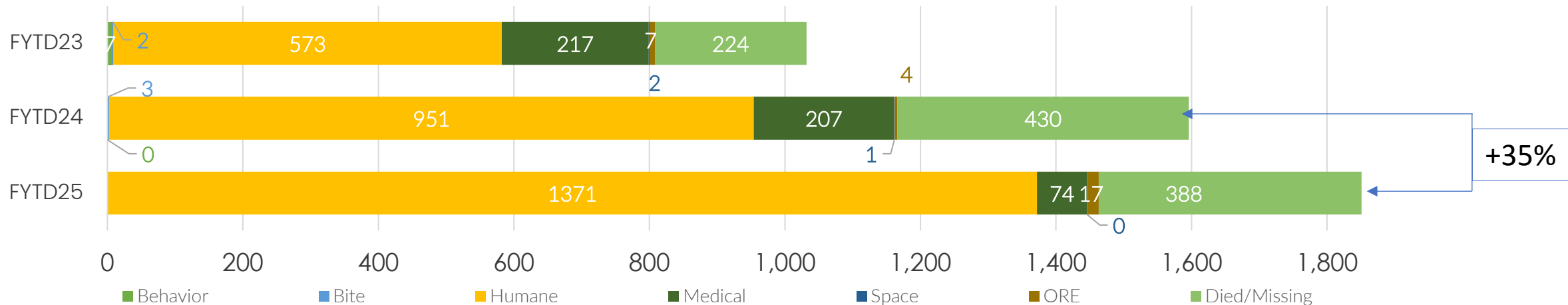
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Live Outcome by Species- Cats



Non-Live Outcome Reason by Species- Cats



*Humane non-live outcomes increase due to DAS taking in the most vulnerable kitten litters during kitten season (Ap-Oct)

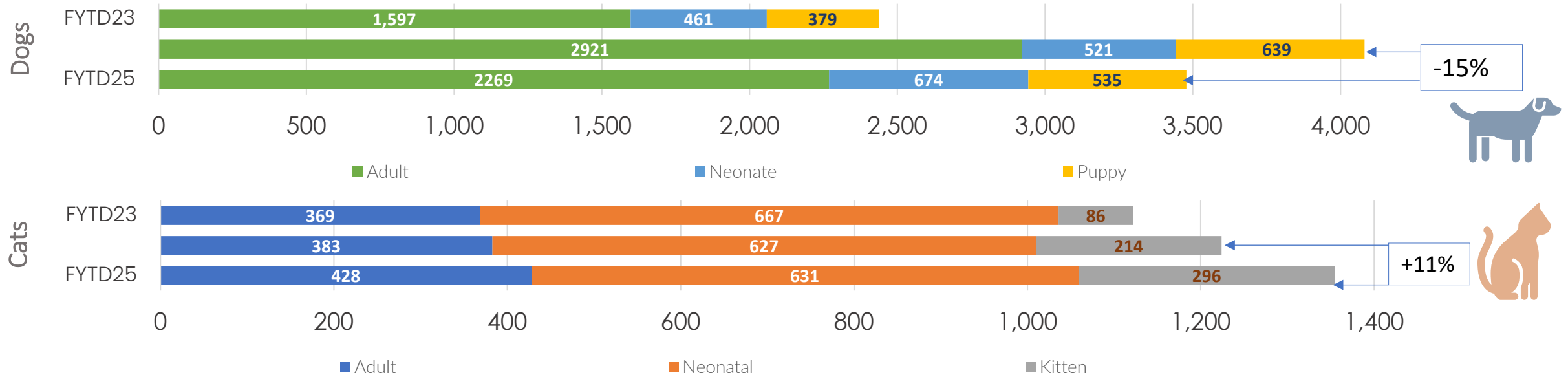
*RTO: Return to Owner, SNR: Spay Neuter Return, TNR: Trap Neuter Release ORE: Owner Requested Euthanasia



FY25 Dashboard of Rescues



Rescue Group's Dogs and Cats by Age Group



Top 10 Rescue Groups Dogs and Cats

- OPERATION KINDNESS RESCUE - **865 Total Rescues**
- DPA/HSDC RESCUE - **444 Total Rescues**
- HEARTS & BONES RESCUE - **348 Total Rescues**
- HUMANE SOCIETY OF N. TX RESCUE - **330 Total Rescues**
- SMALL MIRACLES CAT AND DOG RESCUE - **281 Total Rescues**
- SPCA OF TEXAS RESCUE - **237 Total Rescues**
- AMY HOSPICE KITTIES RESCUE - **178 Total Rescues**
- ROCKWALL PETS RESCUE - **155 Total Rescues**
- POTTSBORO ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIE RESCUE - **77 Total Rescues**
- THE MINNIS SANCTUARY RESCUE - **75 Total Rescues**



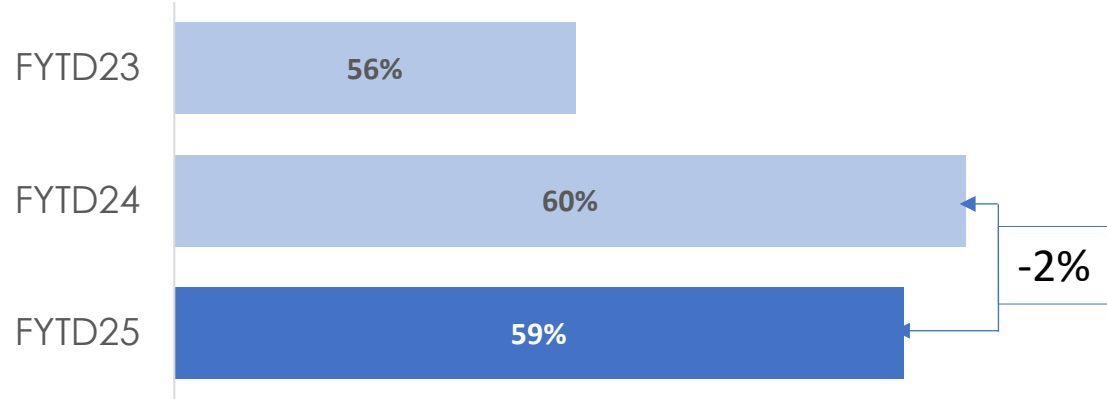
**We want to recognize all our networking partners who work tirelessly to support our life saving efforts.*

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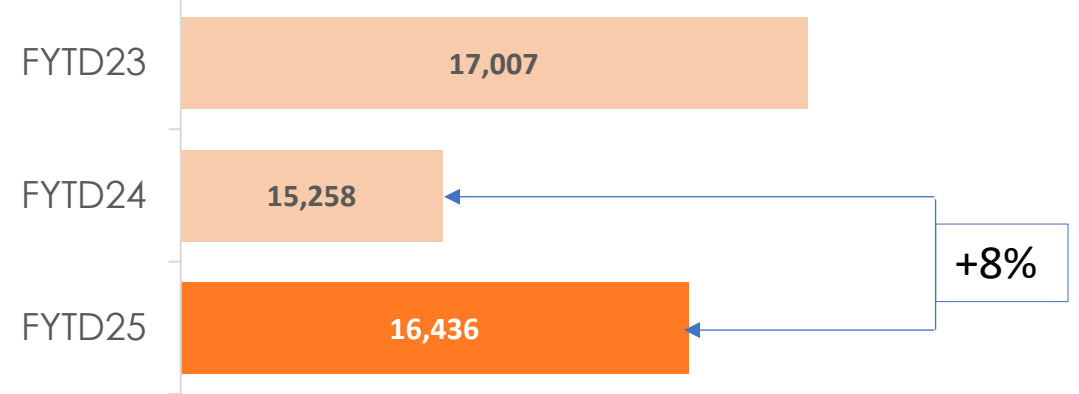


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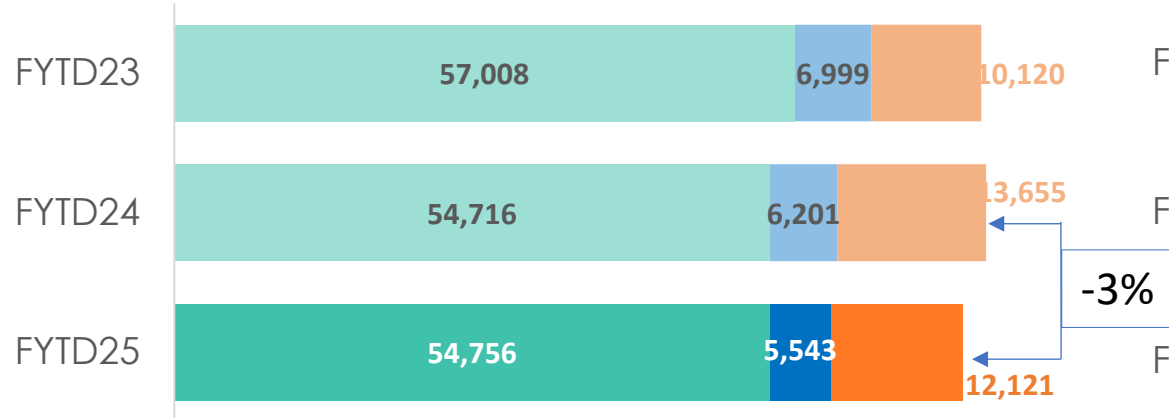
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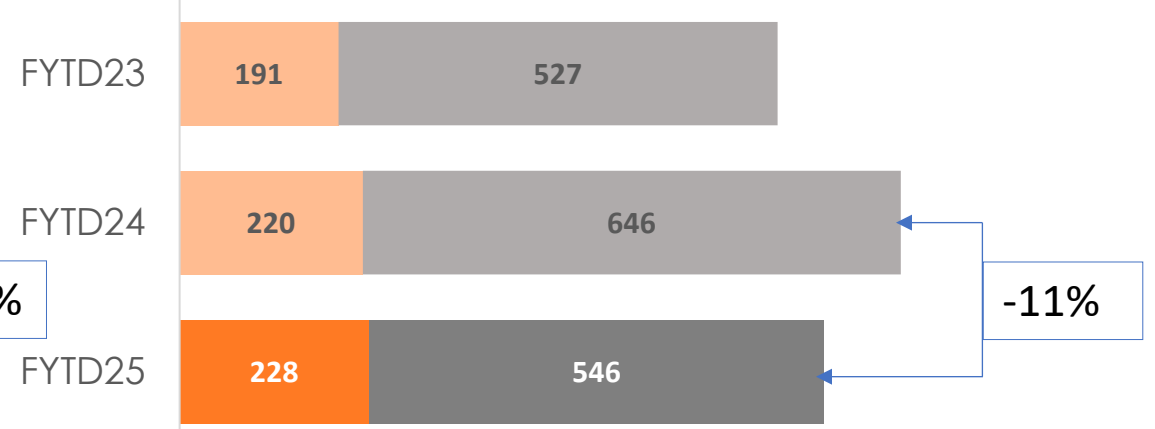
Loose & Loose Owned Service Requests



Service Request Type



Loose & Loose Owned Bites



■ External ■ Proactive ■ Follow Up

■ Loose ■ Loose Owned



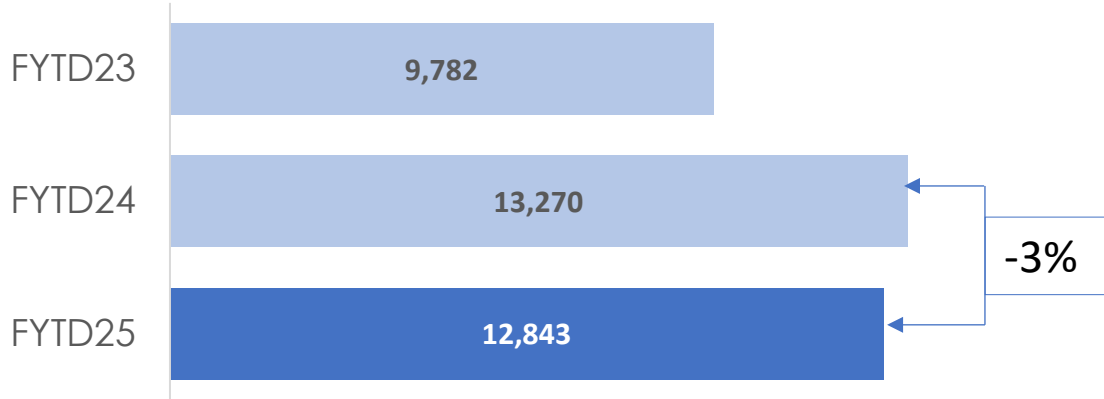
*Increases in Loose & Loose Owned reports allow for tracking and educational opportunities that can assist in the reduction in reported bites.

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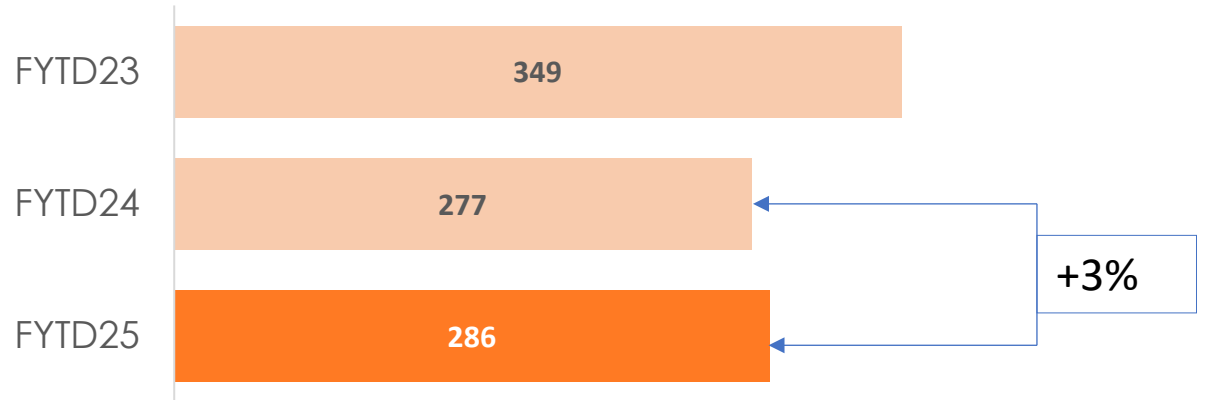


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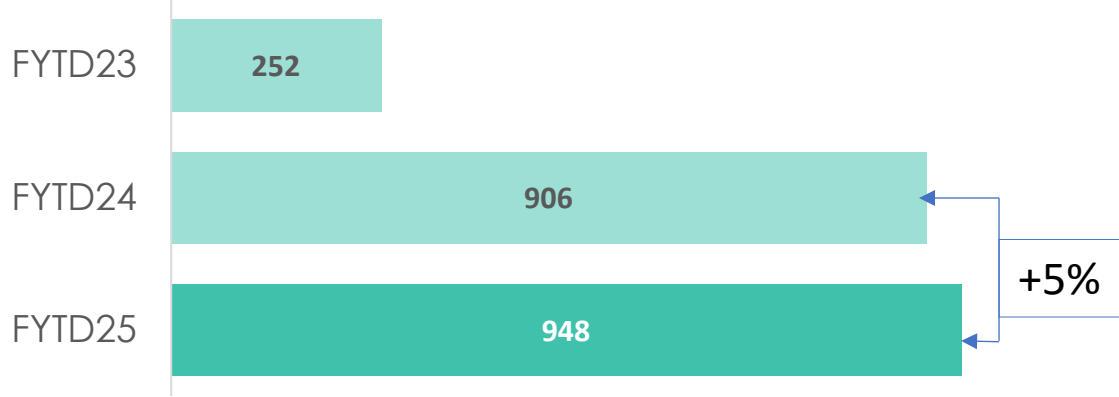
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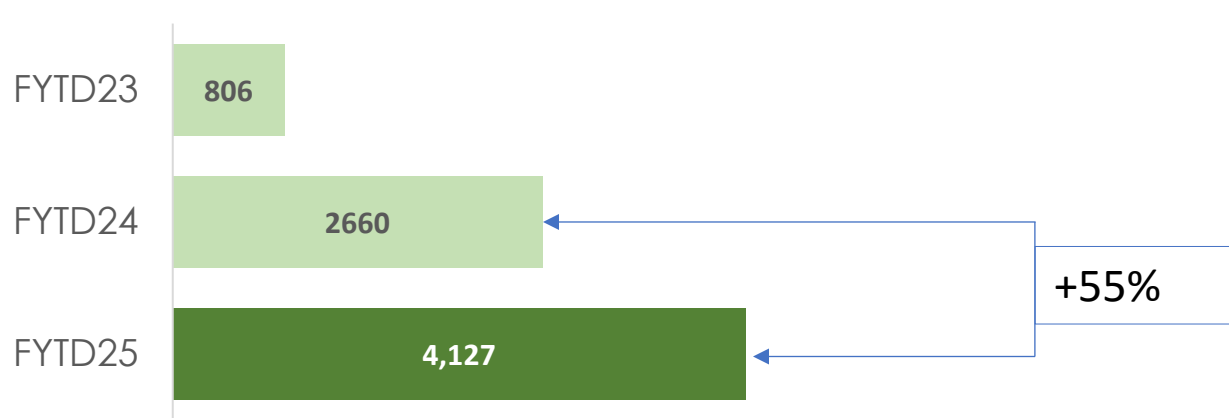
Specialty Surgeries



Heartworm Treatment



Subsidized Surgeries*



*Subsidized surgeries are those funded by the City of Dallas and provided by outside sources * Specialty surgeries are those done by DAS Vets to attempt getting an animal to a point where a private vet or rescue can continue further with care. 11



Suspected Animal Cruelty



Suspected Animal Cruelty (SAC)



- Dallas Animal Services Plays a role in support however; determinations of cruelty are made by DPD Cruelty Detectives based on evidence and information provided.
- Based on the data below, DAS takes in approximately 2,500 animals per fiscal year through suspected animal cruelty intake
- The Average Length of Stay for a victim of suspected animal cruelty can vary based on initial intake and any required holds for appeal and disposition (1-30+ days).

•SAC Intake FY22/23

- 3,477 Total SAC Intake
 - 3,183 Roosters, Hens, Chicks
 - 32 Cats
 - 242 Dogs
 - 9 Livestock
 - 11 Other

•SAC Intake FY23/24

- 1,999 Total SAC Intake
 - 1,651 Roosters, Hens, Chicks
 - 61 Cats
 - 269 Dogs
 - 2 Livestock
 - 16 Other

•SAC Intake FY24/25

- 2562 Total SAC Intake
 - 2090 Roosters, Hens, Chicks
 - 104 Cats
 - 351 Dogs
 - 13 Livestock
 - 4 Other

Support for DPD Cruelty Unit:

- DAS provides the following:
 - Transport
 - Housing
 - Care/Feeding
 - Security
 - Veterinary Services (Follow Up)
- Operation Kindness (OPK) provides Forensics, Examinations, and testimony. DAS provides OPK:
 - Space
 - Tools
 - Equipment
 - **OPK absorbs the 600K expense for these services**



*Length of Stay (LOS) could potentially increase based on filings and outcomes

DAS Regulations & Authority



- DAS is responsible for all reactive and proactive service calls associated with Chapter 7 Animals of the Dallas City Code.
 - Based on the findings during service calls a referral to DPD Cruelty Detectives can be made.
 - DAS Animals Service Officers are not certified cruelty investigators
 - Intake of a victim of suspected animal cruelty is based on the section provided below and at the direction of DPD.

Chapter 7 Animals Sec. 7-2.5. Impoundment of Animals

- (a) The director or the chief of police is authorized to seize and impound any animal:
- (1) in the city that is loose;
 - (2) for protective custody;
 - (3) required to be quarantined under Section 7-2.4;
 - (4) seized pursuant to a warrant or court order;**
 - (5) that is a prohibited animal and kept in the city in violation of Section 7-6.1;
 - (6) posing a threat to the public health or safety; and
 - (7) displaying signs and symptoms of extreme health concerns.**



DAS Cruelty Support



- **DAS began providing full support to the Dallas Police Departments Cruelty Unit in FY23**
- **DAS does not have an internal team solely dedicated to SAC**
 - Support is provided through the following units within DAS:
 - Field Operations Unit
 - Veterinarians and Support Staff
 - Shelter management (DAS FTE's/Temp Labor)
 - Adoption/Foster/Rescue Services





- **DAS Field Operations Unit provides transport, intake documentation, evidence, and humane disposition if necessary.**
- **Field Operations officers may refer a suspected case of cruelty-based observations during daily operations and response.**
- **Examples:**
 - Response to 311 call for service or proactive inspections
 - Officers respond to 311 call, based on findings a referral for suspected cruelty may be placed based on discussion with Cruelty Detectives
 - Warrant execution by Law Enforcement Officers
 - DPD Cruelty investigation and warrant execution
 - Evictions executed by the Constables office
 - Warrants based on other illegal activities that may involve an aspect of cruelty





- **DAS Medical staff provide follow up care and treatment post forensic examination from Operation Kindness.**
- **Medical team may refer a suspected case of cruelty-based observations during daily admissions operations.**
- **Examples:**
 - Veterinarians and Support Staff
 - May refer suspected cruelty based on physical examination of either an owner surrender or stray brought to the shelter
 - Findings can include:
 - Physical or sexual abuse through old or new injuries
 - Medical conditions related to untreated illness or injury
 - Lack of basic care (food/resources)



Shelter Management & Placement



- **DAS Shelter staff provide housing, care, feeding and observation during length of stay**
- **DAS foster, rescue, and adoption services may be provided based on disposition provided by DPD**
 - Dispositions include:
 - (No) Return to owner
 - Rescue Only
 - Adoption/Foster/Rescue
 - See Mojo's success story ([link](#)) one of many positive outcomes
 - Humane disposition

Mojo's story is just one of over 7,000 since Operation Kindness partnered with DPD and DAS. At that time, DAS and DPD had no dedicated support for forensic veterinary evidence gathering in animal cruelty cases. Through this partnership, our team has provided critical forensic services for nearly three years, including examinations and necropsies for animals suspected of cruelty or neglect.

At Operation Kindness, we remain steadfast in our mission: creating a kinder world for pets and the people who love them. By assisting in animal cruelty investigations and supporting our law enforcement and shelter partners, we are helping to ensure that more pets like Mojo can find safety, healing, and hope.





Capacity Review



Capacity Analysis



• **Increased Capacity:** Dallas Animal Services (DAS) is open seven days a week and is closed to the public only twice a year. The DAS Field Services Unit operates 24 hours a day.

- Large-breed dogs make up our largest population, increasing contract labor, food, and medical expenses.
- In FY25, DAS experienced a significant increase in dog and cat capacity compared to previous fiscal years.
- On average, in FY25, DAS took in **95 dogs beyond its capacity**.
 - This figure is for public space only (lost or owner surrender), this does not include; quarantine, police custody, or injured dogs.
- Increased capacity requires additional staffing to safely move, feed, and care for the shelter population.

Shelter Capacity By FY				
FY	Avg # Dogs	Avg Capacity %	Avg # Cats	Avg Capacity %
22/23	351	111%	40	29%
23/24	410	136%	64	66%
24/25	402	132%	62	66%

3-YR History of Day Labor Expense (FY23-FY25)	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
3098 (Day Labor)	\$1,211,550.81	\$2,146,973.04	\$2,411,157.60
# of day labor staff per shift	40.00	56.00	50.00
total # of hours / weekly	1379.51	1988.19	1972.52
3-YR History of Expense Object Codes:	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
2200 (Chemical medical Surgical)	\$1,060,788.67	\$1,005,800.76	\$1,055,438.28
2241 (Animal Food)	\$ 244,251.51	\$ 261,002.26	\$ 322,141.35



Capacity Challenges



Increased Capacity & Exposure Risks:

- Dallas Animal Services operates 365 days a year.
 - Shelter intake and adoptions are closed to the public only twice a year.
 - DAS Field Services Unit operates 24-hours a day 7-days a week responding to over 70K calls for service per year.
- As noted, DAS has been operating above its capacity.
 - Capacity challenges are not only an issue for DAS but as well an issue nationwide
 - Due to these capacity challenges in the past 3-years DAS has experienced three outbreaks
 - **Canine Influenzae Virus (CIV)** - also known as the "dog flu," is a respiratory infection caused by influenza A viruses that primarily affect dogs. [Link](#)
 - **Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRD-C)** - is a spectrum of contagious respiratory infections in dogs including kennel cough. [Link](#)
 - **Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)** - a highly contagious and potentially fatal viral disease that primarily affects dogs, but can also infect other mammals such as ferrets, raccoons, and foxes. [Link](#)
 - ❑ All animals brought into the shelter are vaccinated however, a vaccination is not a cure, animals may still shed the virus and potentially spread disease
 - ❑ Lack of space and movement of animals have contributed to the rapid spread. This has been conveyed by subject matter experts.
- DAS continues to examine best practices in care and movement to limit exposure. As well as limiting spread through isolation and placement of animals with foster or rescues.





Next Steps





- **Strategic Partnerships & Program Development**

- DAS is collaborating with DPD to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a reputable partner to assume responsibilities currently managed by DAS.
 - RFP has been submitted to procurement
 - DAS will continue to play a vital role
- Actively pursuing partnerships to expand access to spay/neuter and vaccination services.
- Creating promotional and engagement initiatives to boost community support and awareness.

- **Operational Improvements & Service Enhancements**

- Committed to reducing shelter capacity while increasing positive outcomes for animals.
- Continuously working to expand adoption, foster, and rescue opportunities.
- Providing supportive services and resources to pet owners to help divert potential surrenders.

- **Budget Management & Staffing Optimization**

- Exploring cost-saving measures to minimize budget impact.
- Evaluating shift adjustments to optimize staffing and decrease overtime costs.
 - Recently, the medical intake unit adjusted its schedule hours to better align with intake demand and improve late-hour service availability.





APPENDIX






Field Operations

Field Services Service Call Priority Levels

01

Emergency Requests

Response Goal: 1 Hour
Closed in the system within 24 hours.



02



High-Priority Requests

Response Goal: 2 Hours
Closed in the system within 24 hours.

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High-Priority Requests

Response Goal: 4 Hours
Closed in the system within 24 hours.



04




High-Priority Requests

Response Goal: 6 Hours
Closed in the system within 48 hours.

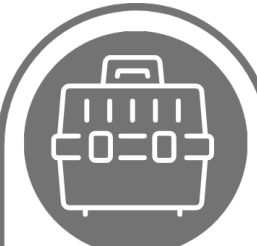
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Standard Response Protocol

Response Goal: 12 Hours
Closed in the system within 48 hours.



06




Standard Response Protocol

Response Goal: 24 Hours
Closed in the system within 48 hours.

07

Standard Response Protocol

Response Goal: 10 Days
Priority 7 calls are not in Salesforce.



08



Non-Dispatch Priority

Response Goal: 3 Days
Calls handled Monday-Friday.

Attack in Progress
Loose Aggressive
Dog Attacking Animal
DPD Emergency
Other Emergency
Safety Obstruction on
Roadway

Critical
Welfare Check
(Weather)
Bed of Truck (Danger)
Drains/Pipes/Culverts
(Danger)
In a Trap (Danger)
Inside Vehicle

Animal Bite (Not
Contained)
Animal Bite (Contained)
Rabies Vector Species
(RVS)
DPD Urgent
Fire Urgent
Other Urgent

Aggressive Pack Activity
Loose Aggressive
Sick or Injured
Confined Stray

Bed of Truck (Non-Life
Threatening)
Drains/Pipes/Culverts
(Non-Life Threatening)
In a Trap (Non-Life
Threatening)
Rabies Specimen Pick-
up
Dead Animal Pick Up
(Owned)

Dead Animal Pick Up
(Un-owned)
Loose Owned
DPD Non-Urgent
Other Non-Urgent
Welfare Check (Non
Life-Threatening)

Bite Follow Up
Welfare Check Follow Up
Citation Follow Up
Violation Notice Follow
Up

Barking/Noisy
Loose Stray
Microchip
Pet Limit
Pooper Scooper
Spay Neuter
Tethering
Unsanitary
Vaccine





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Upcoming Office of Procurement Services Agenda Item for Housing and Community Empowerment - Financial Empowerment Centers

[Thor Erickson, Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment; Jessica Galleshaw, Deputy Director, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 20, 2025

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Procurement Services Agenda Item for Housing and Community Empowerment – Financial Empowerment Centers**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform City Council that on November 12, 2025, an agenda item authorizing a contract for Financial Empowerment Center services will be considered by City Council.

Background

This item authorizes a contract with International Rescue Committee for \$175,000 to serve as a Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), using philanthropic funding received from Cities for Financial Empowerment, Inc. Under this contract, IRC is set to serve 300 participants with financial coaching services. Participants will set and progress towards individual goals for non-mortgage debt reduction, improved credit scores.

The timeline for the competitive process is as follows:

- On July 17, 2025 - The Office of Procurement Services issued a Request for Proposals (RFP)
- August 1, 2025 – the RFP closed
- Review Committee made up of staff from 4 staff members from Office of Community Care and Empowerment, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Department of Housing and Community Development, and Dallas Water Utilities reviewed and scored the applications
- October 20, 2025 - Briefing to Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee
- November 12, 2025 – Anticipated Council Date
- November 2025 – September 2026 – Operation timeframe

A total of 7 submissions were received across two service categories. Below is the scoring of each organization:

- International Rescue Committee – 96
- Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. – 89.75
- Harmony Community Development Corporation – 89.5
- BCL of Texas – 88
- Services of Hope & Financial Hope CCS – 87.75
- Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Community Outreach Center – 85.75
- Realford Consulting LLC – 10.5

Program History

Office of Community Care and Empowerment (now Office of Housing and Community Empowerment) began delivering financial empowerment centers programming in 2021 through partnerships with nonprofit partner organizations as a component of our work to address poverty and advance upward economic mobility. That same year, OCCE accepted a planning and implementation grant from Cities for Financial Empowerment, Inc., spending the next nine months finalizing an implementation plan for Financial Empowerment Centers that was consistent with researched best practices. After months of piloting while simultaneously formalizing an operational plan, OCCE formally launched the program with 2 partners at 4 sites in February 2023 for a two-year period. During FY25, OCCE has worked to strategically realign programmatic priorities and the operational model to reduce the program costs and to create multiple partnership levels for organizations, and to restructure our funding model to incentivize leveraged funding. This led to a temporary pause in FEC program delivery with the removal of general funds, emphasizing use of grant funding. This realignment led to the need to administer a new solicitation with available grant funding.

More than 1,200 Dallas residents have received financial coaching services through more than 4,000 sessions, leading to a collective increase in savings of nearly \$400,000 and reduction in debt of \$600,000.

Future Planning

The approval of this contract will enable FEC services to relaunch, making free financial coaching once again available for Dallas residents. The Housing and Community Empowerment team is currently working to advance an additional FEC partnership through approved Community Development Block Grant funds, that will further expand the program's reach.

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Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Deputy Director of Office of Housing and Community Empowerment, at 469-724-0750 or Jessica.Galleshaw@dallas.gov.

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FY 2025-26 Cultural Organizations Program Funding Allocation
[Martine Philipe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Glenn Ayars, Assistant Director, Office of Arts and Culture]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 20, 2025

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item on November 12, 2025: FY 2025-26
Cultural Organizations Program Funding Allocation and Contracts**

On November 12, 2025, City Council will consider the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Cultural Organizations Program (COP) contracts with 65 Dallas-based non-profit arts and cultural organizations. The Cultural Organizations Program contracts with cultural organizations with budgets ranging from \$100,000 to over \$10 million to provide an annual season of programming for residents and visitors of Dallas. The following pages list organizations with their recommended contract amounts totaling \$7,164,655 for FY 2025-26.

The COP Guidelines, eligibility, scoring, and review process are approved annually by City Council; following guideline adoption, information sessions are conducted, and organizations apply through an online grant system. Proposals are analyzed by a volunteer panel approved by the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission. Proposals and all scores are analyzed by the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

This summer, the scoring guidelines for the Cultural Organizations Program were revised to meet federal requirements, following City Council resolution 25-1081, approved on June 25, 2025. This resulted in two modifications: 1) the original 20 points scored by panel for the Access and Impact section of the application were replaced with a ten-question survey which addressed topics that help us understand how applicants provide access and impact while complying with federal directives. Applicants could receive up to 20 points based on survey answers; and 2) ten points typically awarded for diversity of board and staff were removed from consideration.

Following rigorous review of these scores, organizational revenue size, and past funding amounts, the FY 2025-26 awards were unanimously recommended by the Allocations Committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission on October 3, 2025, and the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission on October 16, 2025.

For FY 2025-26, 65 non-profit organizations are recommended for over \$7.1M funding. This funding represents an increase from FY 2024-25 due to higher use of the Hotel Occupancy Tax percentage for the arts. Eleven organizations are recommended for COP contracts that were not part of the 2024-25 COP program. Eight of these are first-time organizations in COP: Urban Arts Collective, Pegasus Contemporary Ballet, Swan Strings, The Texas Supremacy of Music and Arts, Dallas Contemporary, Young Leaders Strong City, SPARK! and Agape Broadcasting, KNON.

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The other three organizations rejoin the program after a hiatus or in a new capacity. The Women’s Chorus of Dallas participated in the program in FY 2022-23, did not apply in FY 2023-24 or 2024-25, and has rejoined for the FY 2025-26 year. Dallas Black Dance Theatre participated in the program in FY 2023-24, was removed from the program in FY 2024-25 by City Council action and has now rejoined for the FY 2025-26 year. Finally, the Dallas Symphony Association has joined the program for FY 2025-26 representing the full Dallas Symphony Orchestra and all major programming; in past years, the Cultural Organizations Program supported the Dallas Symphony Children’s Chorus programming only, due to an agreement with the Dallas Symphony Association regarding the Meyerson Symphony Center that has now concluded.

Below is a list of all recommended organizations with the recommended FY 2025-26 funding award and a range of the annual revenue of the recommended organizations. Organizations with an asterisk next to the name denotes new organizations, or organizations returning after a year or more away from program participation.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Martine Philippe, Director of the Office of Arts and Culture.

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	Organization <i>(*denotes new organizations, or organizations returning after 1+ years away from COP participation)</i>	2025-26 Recommended Award	Annual Revenue of Organization
1	Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico	\$40,007	<\$0.5M
2	Art House Dallas	\$54,000	<\$0.5M
3	Arts Mission Oak Cliff	\$40,900	<\$0.5M
4	Artstillery	\$37,243	<\$0.5M
5	Ballet North Texas	\$56,000	<\$0.5M
6	Color Me Empowered	\$35,776	<\$0.5M
7	Dallas Chamber Symphony	\$71,924	<\$0.5M
8	Fine Arts Chamber Players, dba Basically Beethoven	\$47,517	<\$0.5M
9	Flamenco Fever	\$26,000	<\$0.5M
10	Orpheus Chamber Singers	\$35,000	<\$0.5M
11	Pegasus Contemporary Ballet*	\$29,849	<\$0.5M
12	Pegasus Media Project	\$28,300	<\$0.5M
13	Pegasus Musical Society dba Orchestra of New Spain	\$35,000	<\$0.5M
14	Premier Lone Star Wind Orchestra	\$39,800	<\$0.5M
15	Second Thought Theatre	\$30,000	<\$0.5M
16	Soul Rep Theatre Company	\$35,004	<\$0.5M
17	Swan Strings*	\$26,000	<\$0.5M
18	Teatro Dallas	\$80,588	<\$0.5M
19	The Bandan Koro Experience	\$39,061	<\$0.5M
20	The Flame Foundation	\$40,000	<\$0.5M
21	The Texas Supremacy of Music & Arts Conservatory*	\$53,000	<\$0.5M
22	The Women's Chorus of Dallas*	\$26,233	<\$0.5M
23	The Writer's Garret	\$53,185	<\$0.5M
24	Urban Arts Collective*	\$41,703	<\$0.5M
25	USA Film Festival	\$78,518	<\$0.5M
26	Verdigris Ensemble	\$45,250	<\$0.5M
27	Agape Broadcasting Foundation, Inc dba KNON*	\$45,000	\$0.5M - \$1M
28	Artist Outreach, Inc (aka The Artist Outreach)	\$45,000	\$0.5M - \$1M
29	Avant Chamber Ballet	\$45,600	\$0.5M - \$1M
30	Creative Arts Center of Dallas	\$70,380	\$0.5M - \$1M
31	Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra (GDYO)	\$79,344	\$0.5M - \$1M
32	Kitchen Dog Theater	\$65,564	\$0.5M - \$1M
33	OutLoud Dallas	\$45,000	\$0.5M - \$1M
34	Shakespeare Festival of Dallas	\$123,856	\$0.5M - \$1M
35	SPARK! Dallas*	\$45,000	\$0.5M - \$1M
36	Texas Winds Musical Outreach, Inc.	\$90,439	\$0.5M - \$1M
37	Theatre Three, Inc.	\$97,045	\$0.5M - \$1M

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38	Undermain Theatre	\$62,219	\$0.5M - \$1M
39	Uptown Players, Inc.	\$64,770	\$0.5M - \$1M
40	Young Leaders Strong City*	\$45,000	\$0.5M - \$1M
41	Bruce Wood Dance Dallas	\$75,000	\$1M - \$3M
42	Cara Mia Theatre Co.	\$91,482	\$1M - \$3M
43	Dallas Contemporary*	\$85,865	\$1M - \$3M
44	Dallas Historical Society	\$37,810	\$1M - \$3M
45	Dallas Winds	\$68,140	\$1M - \$3M
46	Deep Vellum Publishing	\$55,000	\$1M - \$3M
47	Foundation for African Art	\$108,785	\$1M - \$3M
48	Junior Players	\$89,157	\$1M - \$3M
49	Sammons Center for the Arts	\$121,170	\$1M - \$3M
50	TeCo Theatrical Productions, dba Bishop Arts Theatre Center	\$138,157	\$1M - \$3M
51	Texas International Theatrical Arts Society DBA TITAS/DANCE UNBOUND	\$138,157	\$1M - \$3M
52	Turtle Creek Chorale	\$62,625	\$1M - \$3M
53	Big Thought	\$632,664	>\$3M
54	Dallas Black Dance Theatre*	\$225,000	>\$3M
55	Dallas Children's Theater	\$180,322	>\$3M
56	Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum	\$136,000	>\$3M
57	Dallas Museum of Art	\$1,073,896	>\$3M
58	Dallas Symphony Association, Inc.*	\$300,000	>\$3M
59	Dallas Theater Center	\$125,000	>\$3M
60	Forest Forward	\$71,600	>\$3M
61	Nasher Sculpture Center	\$125,000	>\$3M
62	Perot Museum of Nature and Science	\$744,489	>\$3M
63	The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc.	\$216,680	>\$3M
64	The Dallas Opera	\$157,500	>\$3M
65	The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza	\$55,091	>\$3M
	TOTAL	\$7,164,655	



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Forest Green Library Public Art Project Artist Recommendation
[Martine Philipe, Director, Office of Arts and Culture; Lynn Rushton, Public Arts Manager, Office of Arts and Culture]

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE **October 20, 2025**

TO Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Public Art Project: Forest Green Branch Library (Council District 10), MIREK STRUZIK, selected artist**

The City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture

SUBJECT

Authorize a contract with MIREK STRUZIK as the selected artist for the fabrication and installation of a site-specific artwork at Forest Green Branch Library, Council District 10. The public art installation will be located at Forest Green Branch Library located at 9619 Greenville, Dallas, Texas 75243, Council District 10. Not to exceed \$105,000.00

Financing: 2003, 2006 and 2017 Library Proposition BP Funds.

BACKGROUND

The published scope of the project is to create highly visible, welcoming artwork for a library garden. The scope of the project is a site-specific installation of an artist designed and fabricated sculpture. This compelling artwork seeks engagement and to elicit curiosity from viewers of all ages through design and high visibility. The artwork must require little or no maintenance and be safe and appropriate for public outdoor work. It will enhance the City of Dallas Public Art Collection with diversity of style, scale, media, and artists, including ethnicity and gender.

ARTIST BACKGROUND

Mirek Struzik graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw majoring in sculpture, painting and graphics. After working for eight years in design studios and patenting several of his inventions, he gained a Master of Fine Arts degree. His expertise and experience in the public art field is vast: Over the past 10 years he has been commissioned for public art installations in College Station Texas, Taiwan, Sweden, Switzerland, San Mateo, California, France, Kirkland, Washington, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Turkey.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The artwork "Fruits of Knowledge" will be installed facing the corner of Greenville Avenue and the library access road. The artwork will create an outdoor landmark to support the library programming and spark the curiosity of by passers and patrons alike. What made this proposal competitive was the changing and programmable LED lights that can be

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adjusted to holiday or team colors as desired. The LED lights also ensure high visibility at night. This piece also includes a strong community engagement component that involves a short story writing contest, and the best stories will be read at story time with the first choice being published on the artist's website next to the artwork.

Fruits of Knowledge adds one more tree shape to the existing mature tree canopy at Forest Green Branch Library, complementing and interacting with the existing natural landscaping and architecture of the building. At night the whole tree canopy will light up with the glow of Fruits of Wisdom. A seating area for holding story times or simply to enjoy the outdoor setting is considered as part of the concept as well. A relationship between the community, seeds of knowledge planted by the library, and nature is being formed. A relaxing space for contemplation and reading is being created.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

City Council Award	October 2025
Contract Award	Winter 2025/2026
Complete Installation	Spring/Summer 2027

FUNDING INFORMATION

2003, 2006 and 2017 Library Proposition BP Funds. \$105,000.00

SELECTION METHOD

Artist's Open Call via CodaWORX (codaworx.org) for artist qualifications to include professional artwork portfolio and ability to execute the scope of the artwork on time and on budget. Artist teams and local artists were encouraged to apply. Community feedback obtained through interviews, surveys, community meetings and office hours were part of the RFQ and instructions to the shortlisted artists.

On July 31, 2025, the final selection panel selected Mirek Struzik's Fruit of Knowledge after reviewing all shortlisted artists' design proposals. All Public Art project scope items have been carefully considered and adhered to as well as City of Dallas Public Art policies.

Selection panels were held on June 5, 2025 and July 31, 2025 after three rounds of online jurying.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On January 9, 2018, the Public Art Committee was briefed.

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On February 1, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board approved the Public Art Projects list for the 2017 Bond Program.

On June 7, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board approved revisions to the Public Art Projects list for the 2017 Bond Program.

On August 5, 2025, the Public Art Committee recommended this project.

On August 21, 2025, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission recommended this project.

FISCAL INFORMATION

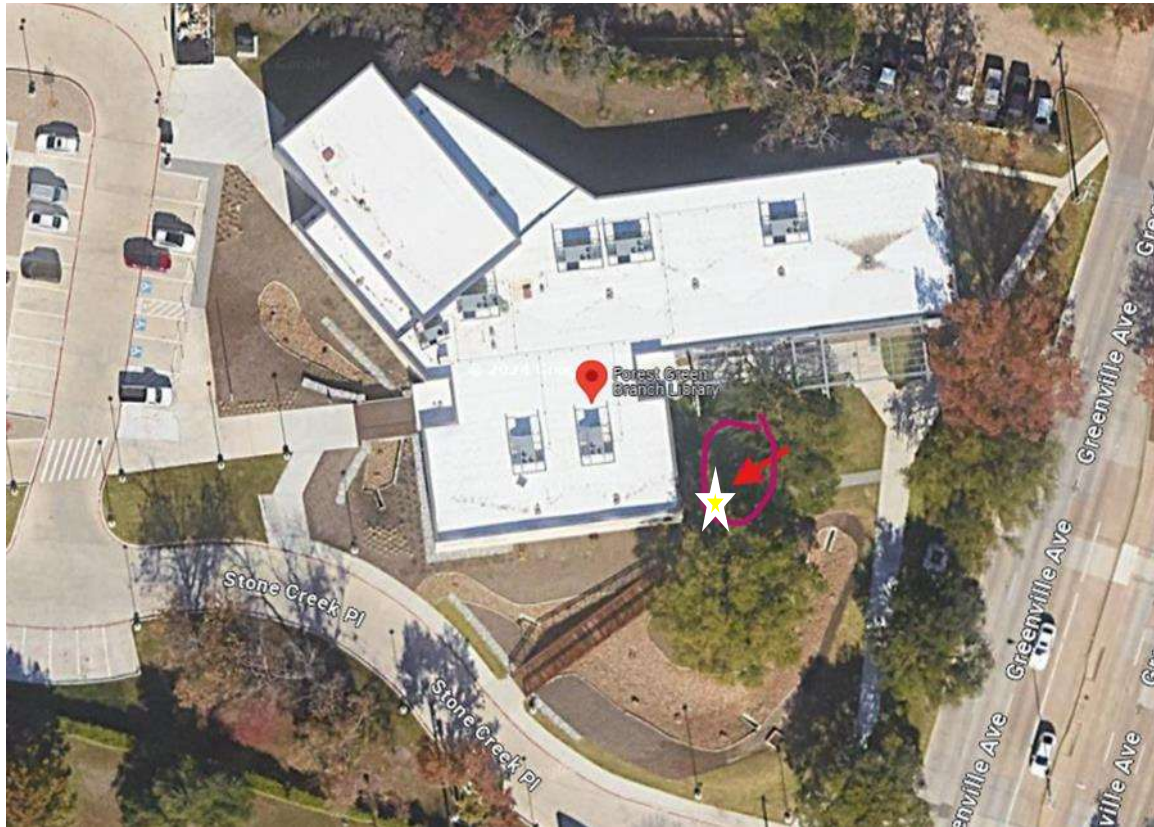
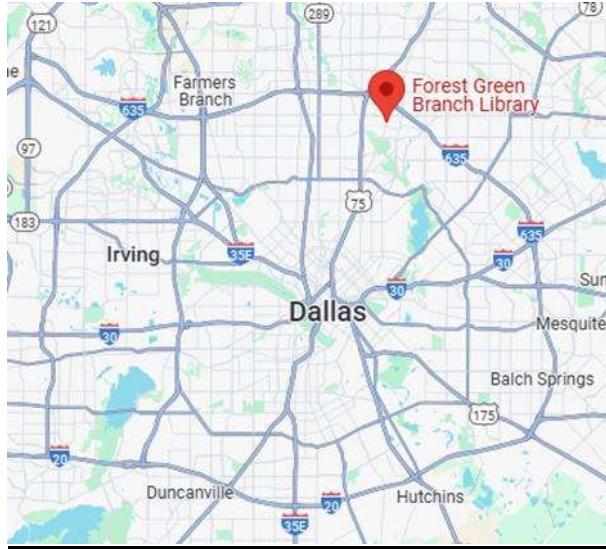
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MAP

Location
Image of Design Concepts
Public Art Process

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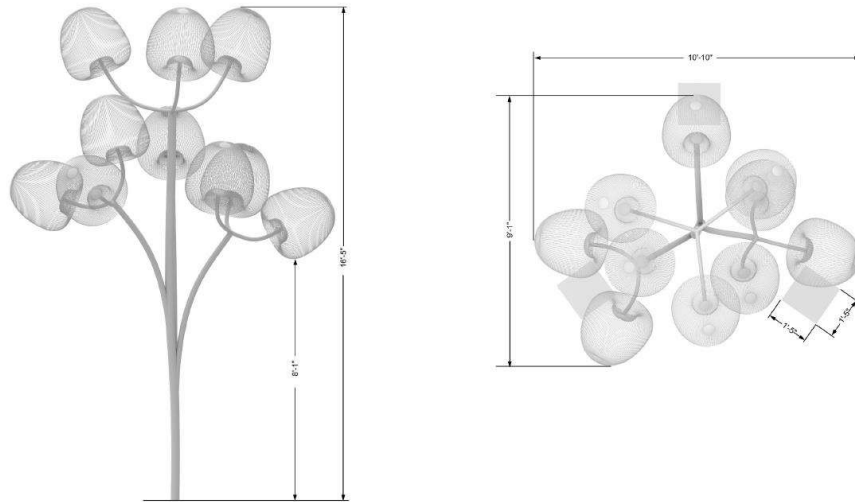


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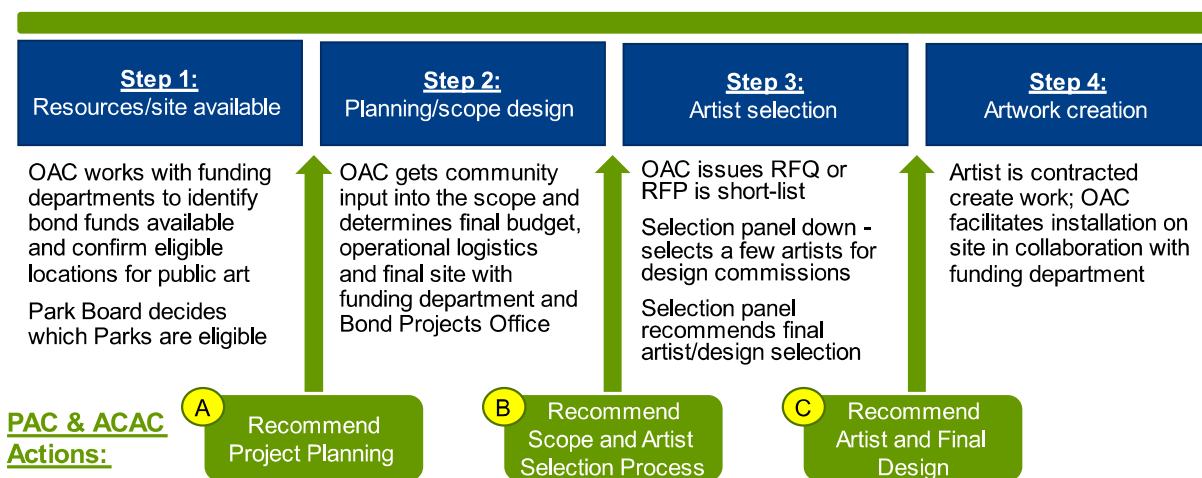
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Fruits of Knowledge

Dimensions



Overview: Creation of new Public Art piece



PAC & ACAC Actions:



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Please contact me or the Director of Arts and Culture, Martine Philippe, with any questions.

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Quality of Life, Arts and Culture (QOLAC) Committee Forecast: briefing items to be placed on the QOLAC Committee agendas for November 17, 2025, through December 2, 2025

Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee Two-Month Forecast		
Committee Date	Briefing Item/ Report	Presenter(s)
November 17, 2025	Senior Services Strategic Plan (Presentation)	Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director – Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	Youth Strategic Plan (Presentation)	Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director – Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	Planning for the Library Regional Model (Presentation)	Manya Shorr , <i>Director – Library</i>
	Update on Alley-to-Curb Transition (Presentation)	Clifton Gillespie , <i>Director – Sanitation Services</i>
	Community Cats Ordinance (Presentation)	Paul Ramon , <i>Director – Dallas Animal Services</i> ; Victoria Chittam Bennet , <i>Assistant Director – Dallas Animal Services</i>
	Update on the Drivers of Opportunity Policy Framework (Presentation)	Liz Cedillo-Pereira , <i>Assistant City Manager – City Manager’s Office</i> ; Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director – Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	Vickery Park Library Public Art Project Artist Recommendation (Memorandum)	Martine Philipe , <i>Director – Office of Arts and Culture</i> ; Lynn Rushton , <i>Public Arts Manager – Office of Arts and Culture</i>
	Upcoming Office of Procurement Services Agenda Item for Housing and Community Empowerment - Youth Violence Interrupters (CDBG-funded) (Memorandum)	Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director – Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	WIC Program Update and Annual Goals (Memorandum)	Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director</i>

		<i>– Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	Plan for 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week Events, Parade and Gala (Memorandum)	Thor Erickson , <i>Director – Housing and Community Empowerment</i> ; Jessica Galleshaw , <i>Deputy Director – Office of Housing and Community Empowerment</i>
	Library Strategic Pan – Year Two Goals (Memorandum)	Manya Shorr , <i>Director – Library</i>
December 2, 2025	CANCELLED	