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Dear HFM Stakeholders,

The HFM program is continuing to process 2022 vouchers that were distributed prior to April. Due to the demand for (and scarcity of) available veterinarian appointments, scheduling surgeries has been taking several months. Recognizing these constraints, we will continue to process those existing 2022 vouchers for surgeries completed by December 31, 2022. Surgeries performed starting January 1, 2023 will require a voucher issued in 2023.

Following the recommendations made by the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, beginning in January the HFM program will limit voucher release to veterinary providers and animal welfare organizations for scheduled spay/neuter clinics while carefully weighing those requests with available funds. Veterinary providers and animal welfare organizations with upcoming clinics should email requests to the HFM program ACF.Helpfixme@maine.gov. Requestors should include specific clinic dates and location for voucher use. These will be placed on a list in the order the requests are received. Additionally, we will keep a running list of upcoming clinics and available vouchers for those clinics on our website to allow qualifying individuals to locate upcoming clinics near them. This approach to voucher release will be reviewed monthly by the Animal Welfare Program and the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

Below please find the latest financial data for the HFM program, including the value of vouchers paid to date and the value of vouchers still outstanding.

Expenses & Revenue (7/01/22 to 12/09/2022):

Cash Balance carried forward from 6/30/2022	\$196,463.54	
Revenue received to date	<u>\$82,666.31</u>	\$279,129.85
Expenses	\$26,043.58	
Vouchers paid to date	<u>\$197,908.00</u>	<u>\$223,951.58</u>
Cash Available 12/09/2022		<u><u>\$55,178.27</u></u>
Vouchers outstanding		<u><u>\$61,196.00</u></u>

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we monitor the situation carefully. For ongoing updates for progress of the HFM programs please visit the [AWP website](#).

Sincerely,

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