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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE CLOVER ADAMS
DIRECTOR

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Dear Animal Shelter Organization:

Earlier this month, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Animal Industry Division (AID) received the donation totals for the 2016 tax year to date. This year's contributions to date are slightly over \$55,000, which is only \$2,000 over the minimum needed for the fund to be included as a choice on the Michigan Voluntary Contributions Schedule, Form 4642. This year's contributions to date are down significantly from last year's \$102,938.

Therefore, with the amount of resources needed to administer the grants and with only half the funds available to be awarded, MDARD will not be awarding grants this year for 2017. Instead, MDARD will let the monies grow for another year. Hopefully with more contributions we will be able to reach funding levels experienced in prior years. The highest contribution totals to the fund were \$160,668 (2012), \$147,554 (2011), and \$132,384 (2013).

We will continue to update fund information and forms on our animal shelter web page: www.michigan.gov/animalshelters. There have been so many great ideas and success from this grant process and we look forward to the future possibilities of grants in 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Averill DVM".

James J. Averill, DVM, PhD
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