



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION

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Animal Welfare Grant Application

In accordance with Act 132, PA 2007 as amended.

This application must be received by October 15 of the year prior to the grant cycle.

Form with fields: Registered Shelter Name, Applicant Organization Type, Shelter Operated By, Amount Requested, Physical Address, City, State, Zip Code, County, Mailing Address if different, City, State, Zip Code, Phone.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (MDARD) Animal Industry Division (AID) is offering grants pursuant to Public Act 132 of 2007, the Animal Welfare Fund Act. MCL 287.993 establishes the Animal Welfare Fund to provide funds to promote sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by educating the public and training personnel authorized by law to enforce state animal anticruelty laws, to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state anticruelty laws, and to allow the purchase of equipment and supplies for programs that receive grants under this act.

General Eligibility Requirements and Grant Program Priorities

- Funds will only be awarded to organizations that operate animal shelters currently registered with MDARD pursuant to Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended.
If more applications are received than can be supported by available funding, awards will go to the best proposals.
An Animal Welfare Fund Grant received pursuant to Public Act 132 of 2007, shall not be used to replace funds otherwise designated by a grantee to support similar programs or projects if existing funds for those programs or projects are included in the grantee's budget before receiving a grant under this act.
MDARD staff are not eligible for any grant funds.
Funding may be requested for the purchase of equipment and supplies.
Applicants must have submitted their Annual Shelter Activity Report (AI-034) for the previous year's statistics, and the applicant shall have otherwise complied with section 9a of Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended.
An organization that has previously received an Animal Welfare Fund Grant that does not comply with the provisions of Public Act 132 of 2007 or the terms of the Grant as determined by MDARD is not eligible for any future grants pursuant to section 7(1) of Public Act 132 of 2007.
The funding window for the Animal Welfare Fund is from February 1 through September 1. Funded programs and purchases must occur during that funding window to qualify for reimbursement unless prior authorization for an extension has been approved by MDARD.

The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will have final authority to approve or not approve grant proposals and awards, based upon selection criteria, program priorities, and the merits of the individual applications.

Project Title:

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Please select the funding program you are requesting below. **To apply for more than one program, an additional application must be submitted for each program.** Funding may be requested for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or services for any selected program. **CHECK ONLY ONE BOX.**

**A. SPAY/NEUTER SURGICAL PROGRAM**

To increase the number of shelter dogs and cats that are sterilized *and* adopted by increasing the capability of on-site sterilization or by facilitating appointments for sterilization by a licensed veterinarian.

- Funds in this category may not be used to sterilize privately-owned dogs and cats nor be used to sterilize shelter dogs and cats imported into Michigan.
- Funds in this category may not be used for ancillary procedures such as vaccination, micro-chipping, or tests/treatments for conditions/diseases.

**B. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM<sup>1</sup>**

To improve community knowledge of the value of sterilization *and* adoption of dogs and cats, and/or improve community knowledge of the proper care<sup>2</sup> of animals<sup>3</sup> pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws.<sup>4</sup>

- These programs may be implemented through educational programs or creative media opportunities. Opportunities may include but are not limited to billboards, printed materials, presentations, booths, educational programming, and/or digital media creation.

**C. TRAINING FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PROGRAM<sup>1</sup>**

To improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by training personnel authorized by law to enforce state anticruelty laws.<sup>4</sup> Opportunities may include but are not limited to training program registration fees, speaker fees, and/or facility costs associated with hosting a training conference.

- Funds may not be used for attendees' or speakers' travel, lodging, or meal expenses.
- MDARD must approve conferences, workshops, training for attendees, as well as the agenda and speakers for any hosted training conference.

**D. CARE AND PROTECTION PROGRAM**

To support programs that provide for the costs of care for animals that are housed for violations of state animal anticruelty laws,<sup>4</sup> and/or programs that support the proper care<sup>2</sup> and protection of animals<sup>3</sup> pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws.<sup>4</sup>

- Funds may not be awarded if court sentencing provides for all applicable animal care restitution costs to the grantee.

<sup>1</sup> Quotes for deliverables and draft content for program(s) must be provided with this application.

<sup>2</sup> "Proper care" means the provision of sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitary conditions, exercise, and veterinary medical attention in order to maintain an animal in a state of good health. "State of good health" means freedom from disease and illness, and in a condition of proper body weight and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate treatment.

<sup>3</sup> "Animal" means any vertebrate other than a human.

<sup>4</sup> "State animal anti-cruelty laws" means the laws and standards provided for the adequate care of animals in the Michigan Penal Code, Act 328 of 1931, Chapter IX Animals.

**Project Summary:**

State the problem, challenge, or issue your project is addressing. Briefly explain how this project will address or solve the problem or challenge. Please limit text to everyday language without the use of scientific or technical jargon, and answer the "big picture" questions of why your project is important, who you are helping, and what you are hoping to accomplish.

**Project Objectives:**

State objectives clearly and concisely in a logical sequence. Objectives must be related to the funding program selected above. Objectives should allow for measurable and/or assessable outcomes.

**Approach:**

Describe the procedure you will use to address each objective. The responsibilities and work assignments must be stated in the procedure for each objective.

**Outreach and Evaluation Plan:**

Describe how this project will be shared with the community, and how your project's effectiveness will be evaluated at the end of the grant period.

**If you need additional space to include information for any/all of above items, please check this box:  and attach your narrative/documents.**

