

2023 PREVENTION OF ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS AND CRUELTY VOLUNTARY TAX CONTRIBUTION FUND APPLICATION GUIDANCE

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) anticipates that up to \$184,000 will be available for programs to reduce animal homelessness and cruelty by providing free or low-cost spay-neuter services for dogs and cats owned by individual members of the public.

Eligibility

To apply for grant funds, applicants must be a municipal shelter that is run by a city, county, or other public entity that offers spay and neuter services for dogs and cats owned by individual members of the public. A society for the prevention of animal cruelty affiliate or humane society affiliate under contract to provide all animal control services for a local public agency are now eligible to apply. Applicants must certify that funding will be used for the sole purpose of supporting spay and neuter activities by that entity to prevent and eliminate cat and dog homelessness. Eligible applicants must also be current on their Local Rabies Control Activities (LRCA) reporting requirements to the State Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Section.

- Eligible organizations processing fewer than 5,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$7,500.
- Eligible organizations processing between 5,000 and 25,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$15,000.
- Eligible organizations processing more than 25,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$22,500.

CDFA reserves the right to offer an award amount less than the amount requested.

Reporting Requirements

Applicants can email the Veterinary Public Health Section at vetph@cdph.ca.gov with questions regarding their individual reporting requirements.

Restrictions and Limitations

- Grant funds distributed under the Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund must create an additional funding source for spay-neuter services and programs.
- Grant funds must be used to supplement, not replace, other funding sources for existing services and programs.
- Grant funds cannot be used to spay or neuter any animal that is impounded by an eligible municipal shelter.

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How to Apply

Both the Grant Application and Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form or Payee Data Record Form must be submitted by email to CDFA's Office of Grants Administration at grants@cdfa.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2023.**

Late submissions will not be accepted.