



## 2025 ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative Quality of Life Grant Companion Guide

### ASV Category: Animal housing or facilities

- Which ASV category your proposal will address:
  - Enrichment
  - Sanitation
  - Housing

All eligible, interested organizations are invited to [submit a funding application](#) for consideration with the following information:

### **Basic Organization Details:**

- Federal Tax ID/Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Organization Name
- Organization Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)
- Organization Type
  - Nonprofit
  - Municipal or Government Agency
  - Tribal Authority
  - Educational Institution
- Primary Contact Name, Title, Email Address
- For nonprofit organizations, you will be asked:
  - If your IRS exemption is current
  - If you're in good standing with the Secretary of State in the state where you are incorporated
    - This means that you meet all state-imposed requirements, which may include: filing reports/forms, paying required fees, appointing a registered agent, etc.
    - If you aren't sure, go to your state's Secretary of State's website (or do an online search for: your State, "secretary of state," "business search") and look up your organization.
  - If your board includes at least 4 Board members
  - If the majority of your board is independent
    - This means that fewer than half of your Board members can be paid employees and/or family members or close relatives
  - If your Board Chair and Treasurer are not compensated for their services as an officer, employee, or independent contractor for the organization



- If your charitable registration is current/active in the state of the Grantee's primary location (for grants ≥ \$25,000)

**Proposal:**

ASV Guideline Alignment: Housing

Grant funds can be used to address one or more key statements from the following ASV Guideline categories: Housing, Sanitation, Enrichment.

The ASV categories below are guided by the [Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters \(ASV Guidelines\)](#). Details about each category and their key statements can be reviewed and understood in the ASV Guidelines link above.

To help our team align your proposal with the ASV Guidelines and how they will impact your shelter population's quality of life, you will be asked:

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  - Sanitation
  - Housing

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**Housing Specific Questions:**

**Response Options for each ASV key statement below** (*Rate the following statements as they CURRENTLY pertain to your shelter*):

☐ Always    ☐ Sometimes    ☐ Never    ☐ Not Applicable (only on some statements)

- Animals identified in this proposal are able to make normal postural adjustments within their primary enclosure, including standing and walking several steps, sitting normally, laying down at full body length, and holding the tail completely erect.
- For the animals identified in this proposal, cages or crates intended for short-term, temporary confinement or travel are used as primary enclosures.
- If the animals identified in this proposal are in shelter long-term (i.e. more than two weeks), additional space, enrichment, and choice is provided within their enclosure.
- Cats identified in this proposal are individually housed in primary enclosures that have less than 8ft<sup>2</sup> (0.75 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor space.
- Animals identified in this proposal are housed in an enclosure that would require the use of forceful animal handling equipment for daily cleaning and care.
- Enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are stacked or arranged in a manner that increases animal stress and discomfort.



- Enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are stacked or arranged in a manner that compromises ventilation.
  - Enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are stacked or arranged in a manner that allows for waste material contamination between housing units.
  - Primary enclosures for animals identified in this proposal allow them to sit, sleep, and eat away from areas of their enclosures where they defecate and urinate.
  - Primary enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are able to be fully sanitized and withstand repeated cleanings.
  - Primary enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are structurally sound to prevent injury and escape.
  - Primary enclosures for animals identified in this proposal are maintained in safe, working condition to prevent injury and escape.
  - Primary enclosures for animals identified in this proposal have wire-mesh bottoms or slatted floors.
  - Cats identified in this proposal have litter boxes large enough to comfortably accommodate their entire body and allow for proper posturing.
  - Cats identified in this proposal are given the opportunity to hide within their enclosure.
  - Appropriate resources (e.g. food, water, bedding, litter boxes, toys) are provided to minimize competition or resource guarding and ensure access by all co-housed animals identified in this proposal.
  - Drain covers are designed to prevent injury or escape.
  - Primary enclosures for cats identified in this proposal allow scratching.
  - Primary enclosures for cats identified in this proposal allow climbing.
  - Primary enclosures for cats identified in this proposal allow perching.
  - If cats identified in this proposal are co-housed, a variety of elevated resting perches are provided to increase complexity and choice within the living space.
  - If cats identified in this proposal are co-housed, a variety of hiding places are provided to increase complexity and choice within the living space.
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- Which species within your shelter will be impacted by your proposal:
  - Dogs
  - Cats
- Which specific area of your shelter or animal population will be impacted by your proposal (e.g. *entire shelter population, feline long-term housing, community cat room, puppies, kittens, strays, isolation, new intakes, surgery, adoptables, etc.*)
- Grant amount requested:
- Anticipated start date:
- Anticipated end date:



- Detail for how you hope to improve the quality of life for your shelter's targeted animal population or shelter area (referencing the ASV Guidelines Key Statements from the category you selected)
- Detailed description outlining your proposal goal(s), including how they align with the specific ASV Guidelines key statements you selected.
- Attach your program budget

**Acknowledgment of Submission of Application to ASPCA: [check box]**

☐ By submitting an application for an ASPCA grant, you agree to allow the ASPCA to utilize the information submitted on such application in any way it deems appropriate to support its mission to prevent cruelty to animals, including fundraising. Such uses may include, but are not limited to, reproducing such information in print or on the ASPCA website and/ or allowing third parties to access such information. In addition, by submitting this application, you hereby certify that the requesting organization is aware of and endorses this request and the information herein and you are authorized to submit this application on behalf of the requesting organization.

***For any questions regarding the application process, please contact  
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