



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

### ASV Category: Enrichment

- 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: Enrichment**

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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**Enrichment Specific Questions:**

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

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

- A broad range of positive socialization experiences is provided to puppies.
- A broad range of positive socialization experiences is provided to kittens.
- Appropriate levels of additional enrichment are provided daily to animals staying in the shelter more than a few days.
- Enrichment is given the same significance as other components of animal care such as nutrition and medical care and is never considered optional.
- All relevant personnel are trained in animal body language.
- All relevant personnel are trained in objectively describing behavior.
- All relevant personnel are trained in how to interpret and respond to animal body language and behavior.
- Cats are offered regular opportunities to express natural behaviors, including physical activity and exploration.



- Dogs are provided with daily opportunities for activity outside of their kennels, unless doing so creates an unmanageable risk to the health or safety of people or other animals.
  - Positive social interaction that meets each animal's needs is provided daily, outside of the activities of feeding and cleaning.
  - Mental stimulation that meets each animal's needs is provided daily, outside of the activities of feeding and cleaning.
  - Physical activity that meets each animal's needs is provided daily, outside of the activities of feeding and cleaning.
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- Which species within your shelter will be impacted by your proposal:
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  - 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:**

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