2025 Fund to End Factory Farming FAQs

Questions about the RFP process or a project idea? Please <u>register for our information session</u>, co-hosted with Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP), on Thursday, April 24 at 1pm ET. Please register whether you intend to join live or watch a recording later (to be shared after the event).

- Do I have to be based in the United States to have my application considered?
 - Yes, all applications must be submitted by a U.S.-based eligible entity.
 Eligible entities are:
 - Non-profit organizations meeting the structural requirements listed in our RFP
 - For-profit organizations
 - Public entities
 - Local/regional/state campaigns that are not an entity listed above, provided they are demonstrably established, with:
 - A history of efforts undertaken to destabilize factory farming in their region
 - The budget and planning flexibility to not learn their grant status until late in 2025 and, if selected, to not receive funds until the end of the year
 - The willingness and ability to form a legal entity prior to receiving funds
 - Fiscally sponsored organizations are eligible
- We're a national organization with local chapters. Or we are the local chapter of a national organization. Are we eligible to apply?
 - We are looking to fund the efforts of local, regional and state campaigns.
 This may include initiatives that fall within national organizations, as assessed on a case-by-case basis
- My proposal aims to reduce factory farming and its harms in my region but isn't directly focused on animal welfare. Does it qualify?
 - Yes! This year's RFP seeks applications from local, regional, and state community efforts to
 - (1) limit the local presence of industrial farms, and/or (2) track and address local industrial agriculture's harmful impacts. While projects do not need to center on animals' welfare, a strong proposal will create or illuminate connections among various stakeholders harmed by industrial agriculture—including animals, farmers, rural communities, laborers, and the environment.
- What is the schedule for receiving grant funds and needing to use them?

 If your grant request is approved, you will be given a grant term (start and end date). The typical grant term is one year but may be longer or shorter based on your specific project's timeline. You can spend the funds anytime during your grant term.

• I'm just an individual, but I have a track record and great ideas. Can I apply?

- We are not able to consider grant requests directly from individuals. All applications must be submitted by a U.S.-based eligible entity. Eligible entities are:
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 - For-profit organizations
 - Public entities
 - Local/regional/state campaigns that are not an entity listed above, provided they are demonstrably established, with:
 - A history of efforts undertaken to destabilize factory farming in their region
 - The budget and planning flexibility to not learn their grant status until late in 2025 and, if selected, to not receive funds until the end of the year
 - The willingness and ability to become a registered legal entity by the time their grant term is completed
- Individuals wishing to participate in this RFP are encouraged to partner with a qualified entity.

• I'm still unsure whether my project is eligible / I'd like to discuss my idea with someone.

- Please join an open house hosted by the ASPCA and Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP) to ask questions and learn more. Thursday, April 24 at 1pm ET. Find the link at the top of this document.
 - SRAP is partnering with the ASPCA on this year's RFP. The organization brings a wealth of expertise supporting farmers, residents, and communities fighting industrial farming's presence and impacts in their lives. SRAP will be supporting the ASPCA's review and consideration of our RFP applications, but all final decisions rest with the ASPCA.
- If you need additional information, please contact either suzanne.mcmillan@aspca.org, using the subject line RFP Question (for content questions) or grants@aspca.org (for technical questions).

Did you receive my application?

 You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application from noreply+automations@airtableemail.com. Please check your spam folder if you don't see it in your inbox.

How can I best prepare for application?

 We recommend you prepare your responses in advance and be sure all requested information is included. You will not be able to edit your application after submission. We will reach out if we have any questions about your application. Please reference the companion document for application questions and requirements.

• What if I have updates or changes to my proposal's viability after submitting my application?

 Logistical changes that arise after your application is submitted, which impact your proposed project's timeline, budget or otherwise your ability to complete the project, must be submitted by email to suzanne.mcmillan@aspca.org as soon as possible.

When will I find out if I've been selected?

Finalists will be notified via email on or around Monday, August 18, 2025, and invited to complete a formal application in our grant management system.
 Funding decisions are expected around October 2, 2025. If you have questions about the status of your grant request, please reach out to grants@aspca.org.