

2025 ASPCA New York Shelter Standards Implementation Grants

Please refer to these additional resources when submitting your request:

- [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Article 26-C Regulation of Animal Shelters Law](#)
- [NYS Standards for Animal Shelters Law Checklist](#)
- [NYS Companion Animal Care Standards Act Resource Guide](#)
- [ASV Guidelines](#)

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

- Basic Organization Details:
 - Federal Tax ID/Employer Identification Number (EIN)
 - Organization contact information
 - Areas you serve
- 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 New York, or the state where the organization is incorporated or organized, for organizations operating in New York but incorporated elsewhere.
 - 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 by the organization
 - If your charitable registration is current/active in New York (for grants $\geq \$25,000$)
- Amount of grant funding requested
- Project Title
- Provide a copy of your draft or completed [application for licensure](#) by Agriculture & Markets

- Clearly and succinctly outline the proposed upgrade, program or project
- Identify the relevant requirement(s) your proposal will address, using the section and requirement numbers contained in the [Checklist document](#)
- Describe any expected barriers and how you plan to overcome them
- Quantify the expected impact
- Provide an expected timeline
- Proposed project budget using this [template](#)
- Formal bids or quotes for any permanent installation or construction, if available
- Share how the work might continue beyond the grant term, including how you will financially sustain any practices that result in ongoing expenses beyond the requested funding amount
- Approximate number of animals this work might impact and how, over the next 2 years
- Assessment of your organization's current ability to effectively create and achieve the best outcomes for the animals in your care:
 - not at all able
 - slightly able
 - somewhat able
 - very able
- The most significant challenges your organization faces to successful outcomes for your animals (select all that apply):
 - insufficient staffing
 - lack of staff time
 - turnover
 - insufficient funding
 - staff burnout
 - animal behavior challenges
 - animal medical challenges
 - low adoption interest
 - lack of shelter space
 - lack of equipment/tools/materials
 - contractual requirements to take all animals regardless of adoptability
 - animal characteristics (e.g., not enough small dogs, etc.)
 - lack of volunteer/foster support

- challenges operating within capacity
 - collecting, analyzing and reporting data
 - other (with description):
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- If you are requesting funding for Veterinary Care:
 - Assessment of your organization's current ability to effectively provide veterinary care for the animals in your care:
 - not at all able
 - slightly able
 - somewhat able
 - very able
 - The most significant challenges your organization faces to providing veterinary care for animals in your care (select all that apply):
 - Providing preventive care (e.g., tests, vaccines)
 - Providing basic sick care
 - Providing emergency care
 - Providing care for severe or chronic conditions
 - Providing spays and neuters
 - Experiencing increased disease outbreak
 - Experiencing increased length of stay (LOS)
 - Experiencing increased medical euthanasia of animals that would have been treatable if we had the resources
 - Limits in ability to intake animals
 - Finding / hiring veterinarians
 - Partnering with veterinarians to provide care
 - Finding space to perform veterinary care
 - Enough equipment to provide veterinary care
 - Enough supplies to provide veterinary care
 - Resources to collect and report data
 - Other (with description):
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- Share any additional information you'd like to provide about your proposal