

2026 ASPCA® Fund to End Factory Farming FAQs

Questions about the RFP process or a project idea?

- We strongly encourage all potential applications to contact suzanne.mcmillan@aspca.org (using the subject line RFP_ Question), to discuss your project idea's eligibility before beginning your application.
- All administrative questions should be submitted to grants@aspca.org

Do I have to be based in the United States to have my application considered?

- All applications must be submitted by an eligible US-based* or eligible Canadian entity.
- US-based entities must be one of the following:
 - Non-profit organizations meeting the structural requirements listed in our RFP
 - For-profit organizations including farms and food businesses
 - Public entities
- This opportunity is also available to Canadian registered public universities and qualified municipalities/ public bodies that can demonstrate the applicability of the research to improve the welfare of animals in the U.S.

Can my organization partner with a non-US-based entity on a project application?

- Yes, a US-based entity may propose a collaborative study with a non-US-based entity. The US-based entity must be the one to file the application, receive the funds and complete reporting requirements.

My organization is fiscally sponsored. Are we eligible?

- Fiscally sponsored organizations are generally eligible. Fiscal sponsors and their sponsored organizations/programs are subject to the ASPCA Grantee Organizational Standards and must demonstrate fiduciary oversight which may require additional document production.
- Funding must go through the sponsor, but either the sponsor or the sponsored organization/project, may be the one to complete the application, provided the organizational information listed throughout reflects both the funded organization/project and the fiscal sponsor, wherever applicable.

My proposal addresses one of your RFP questions but isn't directly focused on animal welfare. Does it qualify?

- Yes! Because factory farming relies on exploiting not only animals, but also [workers, farmers, communities and the environment](#), there is a great need for collective data and evidence. Projects may focus on impacts to these communities related to U.S. animal agriculture.

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.
- Grantees should expect to receive funds on or around August 31, 2026. However, fund distribution is contingent on many factors including grantees offering timely contract review, signatures and routing information.

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. Individuals wishing to participate in this RFP are encouraged to partner with a qualified entity.

Did you receive my application?

- You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application from ellen.vancelette@aspca.org. Please check your spam folder if you don't see it in your inbox.

How can I best prepare to apply?

- 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. Once you have submitted your application, it will not be accessible for edits.

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

- Finalists will be notified via email on or around Friday, June 26, 2026, and invited to complete a formal application in our grant management system. Funding approvals are expected around July 23, 2026. If you have questions about the status of your grant request, please reach out to grants@aspca.org.