



2026 ASPCA® Grants for Shelters and Spay/Neuter Clinics: Increasing Spay/Neuter Surgeries

The field of High Quality, High Volume Spay Neuter (HQHVSAN) has not returned to the same national output of affordable surgeries since the COVID pandemic. To combat this deficit, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) is offering grants in this category ranging from **\$10,000 - \$100,000** to support an increase in the annual number of spay/neuter surgeries performed year-over-year for existing spay-neuter programs.

Proposals in this category should have the lens of adding incremental surgeries to existing capacity. When thinking about increasing spay/neuter surgeries, proposals that also include any element of shortening length of stay will meet the intention of this RFP (i.e., proposals that facilitate the prioritization of spay/neuter surgeries for adoptable animals that may decrease their length of stay).

Here are some prompts that align with this funding opportunity, *but don't let these examples limit your ideas*:

- If I could add more holding kennels, more instruments, a lift gurney for large dogs or could do minor renovations, could I increase capacity?
- If I could use tablets or other technology to process patient intake, could I get started into surgery earlier and have a longer surgical window?
- If I could bring in a per diem vet and/or team, could I add an additional day or more surgeries on existing days?
- If I could outsource some shelter surgeries to another provider, could I shorten length of stay or shorten the time in foster to adopt status? This could also mean using per diem support in a shelter clinic so that shelter animals do not have to be outsourced to other providers.
- If I had more equipment or supplies, could I expand my Mobile Animal Sterilization Hospital (MASH) style program (e.g., programs that set up temporary spay/neuter clinics in non-traditional spaces)?
- Do I have volunteer or per diem veterinarians and can organize periodic, high volume community cat days but need funding for traps, consumables, overhead or other supplies?

Organizations that do not directly provide spay-neuter surgeries but rather enable spay/neuter by connecting their community to providers ("Facilitators") may be eligible for this funding opportunity as well – keeping in mind that proposals should have the lens of adding incremental surgeries to existing capacity. Examples of increasing spay/neuter surgeries for Facilitators include, but are not limited to–

- More traps/supplies/equipment or paid part-time TNR trapping support
- Per diem driver or crates to transport more animals to a provider



- Funding to bring in a mobile or MASH spay/neuter provider to your community to tackle a targeted subset of pet owners.

Other guidelines in this category:

- Funding for voucher programs is not eligible.
- Funding for vehicles is not eligible. If you are looking for funding to purchase a new mobile spay/neuter clinic, please [review the Major Capital Projects category](#) to see if your project qualifies for funding.
- Your request should not be for subsidies only but can include subsidies. For example, your proposal could include instruments and per diem support to do an additional 15 large dogs twice a month AND these dogs are a target population (e.g., specific breeds, pets from high-intake zip codes, “spay the mama”, owners from a specific income demographic), you could include funding to subsidize the cost of these surgeries.

Application Questions

Organization Information

- Organization Name
- Street (Mailing Address)
- City
- State
- Zip code
- Website
- EIN #

Contact Information

- Primary Contact Name
 - Title
 - Email
 - Phone #
- Signatory Name (*can sign the grant agreement*)
 - Title
 - Email

Select the one category that best describes your organization:

Tribal authorities should select “other”. Nonprofit facilitator organizations should select “nonprofit-other”. Facilitator organizations are not direct spay-neuter providers but enable spay-neuter by connecting their community to providers.

- Nonprofit - Animal Shelter with a government contract
- Nonprofit - Animal Shelter without a government contract
- Government Animal Services



- Please describe how your agency handles grant funds. Will your budget be increased by the amount received from us if you are selected for a grant? And how are the grant funds handled so that the spending can be tracked?
We want to assure that these grant funds will be additive to the existing budget for your agency and not result in a reallocation of existing funds. We also want to understand how the spending of the funds will be tracked
- Spay/Neuter Clinic: For Profit
- Spay/Neuter Clinic: Nonprofit
- Veterinary Practice: For Profit
- Veterinary Practice: Nonprofit
- Nonprofit- Other
- Other
 - What type of organization?

For Nonprofits:

- Is your IRS tax exempt status (501c(3), etc.) current?
 - Yes
 - No
- Are you in good standing with the Secretary of State in the state where you are incorporated?
This means that you meet all the 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.
 - Yes
 - No
- Do you have 4 or more Board Members, and are the majority of your Board independent?
"Independent" means that fewer than half of your Board members can be paid employees and/or family members or close relatives. Note: Applicants who are incorporated in the state of New Hampshire are subject to compliance with N.H. Rev. Stat. § 292:6- a. If you are incorporated in New Hampshire and answer "yes" to this question, you are asserting that you meet the State's minimum board requirements or are exempt from them based on your status as a private foundation or receipt of an express waiver from the Director of Charitable Trusts.
 - Yes
 - No
- Do either your board chair or treasurer receive compensation from the organization?



- Yes
- No

Is your organization registered with Shelter Animals Count?

Shelter and rescue applicants must be registered with Shelter Animals Count (SAC), unless prohibited by law.

By contributing to SAC, organizations help build a reliable national dataset. Contributors to SAC also receive a wealth of information on national trends that may affect their organization.

Register here if you are not already reporting data to SAC:

<https://data.shelteranimalscount.org/login>

- Yes
- No

Required Documents

- For requests <\$25k:
 - For government/municipal animal services, for profits, and tribal agencies: signed W-9
 - For nonprofits: current fiscal year budget, most current 990 form, current list of Board of Directors
- For requests ≥\$25k:
 - For government/municipal animal services, for profits, and tribal agencies: signed W-9
 - For nonprofits: current fiscal year budget, most current 990 form, current list of Board of Directors, prior year balance sheet or financial statement, board chair bio, board treasurer bio, executive director bio

What is your project title?

How much grant funding are you requesting?

Does your organization tattoo (or plan to tattoo) all spay/neuter patients?

- N/A- we are a facilitator organization
- Yes
- No
If no, explain why

Select the description that best describes your current spay-neuter program:



- a. Surgical Provider: S/N Only: Offer additional services, such as vaccines or testing, but only at the time of S/N
- b. Surgical Provider: S/N + Basic: Outside of S/N, offer basic wellness services such as vaccines, testing or sale of flea & tick product
- c. Surgical Provider: S/N + Basic + Common Diagnostics: In addition to S/N and basic wellness, offer diagnostics & treatment for common conditions such as skin/ear problems, intestinal parasite control, upper respiratory infection.
- d. Surgical Provider: S/N + Extensive: In addition to the options above, offer more extensive services such as soft tissue surgeries, x-rays, dental extractions and sick care.

Please briefly describe your organization's current spay/neuter program: *for example, how long it has been open, mission, how the program has grown or changed over time, etc.*

Please describe the need for spay/neuter in your community. *Describe any local factors that have reduced spay/neuter service availability in your area in the last five years, such as clinic closures, temporary suspensions or reduced operating days and/or include any evidence of unmet demand (no-shows, waitlists, turned-away clients, etc.) at your clinic?*

What is your organization's current (and/or anticipated) geographic service area? *Specifically, which county or counties (or county equivalent such as boroughs or parishes) do you serve (or plan to serve)?*

In general, please indicate feline populations your program serves:

- Owned Cats
- Community Cats
- Pregnant Cats
- Kittens in the 2-5 month age range
- N/A our program serves dogs only

Describe any exceptions to feline populations your organization serves

In general, please indicate canine populations your program serves:

- Owned Dogs
- Puppies in the 2-5 month age range
- Pregnant Dogs



- Dogs weighing 70lbs+
- N/A our program serves cats only

Describe any exceptions to the canine populations your organization serves

Provide your 2025 baseline data

- Number of surgeries on owned dogs
- Number of surgeries on owned cats
- Number of surgeries on community cats
- Number of surgeries on shelter/rescue dogs
- Number of surgeries on shelter/rescue cats
- n/a

Population of animals for spay-neuter in this proposal:

- Owned dog spay/neuter
- Owned cat spay/neuter
- Community Cat Trap Neuter Return (TNR)
- Shelter Return to Field for Community Cats (S-TNR)
- Shelter or Rescue Dog spay/neuter
- Shelter or Rescue Cat spay/neuter
- Other – please explain

Provide thorough details for your increasing spay/neuter surgeries proposal which include the concept, the general timeline, key people & tasks for the proposal to be successful.

Upload a comprehensive project budget.

Upload a budget which outlines the components of your grant request. Please use this [budget template](#)

If you are awarded a grant, how quickly will you be able to start on your proposed project?

What is your predicted increased capacity under this proposal over 12 months?

- Number of surgeries on owned dogs
- Number of surgeries on owned cats
- Number of surgeries on community cats
- Number of surgeries on shelter/rescue dogs



- Number of surgeries on shelter/rescue cats

What risks do you foresee that could either delay or compromise your proposal:

What software or technology do you use for your current spay/neuter program?

- Avimark
- Clinic HQ
- Digitail
- EzyVet
- Idexx NEO
- Petpoint
- Shelter Luv
- Shepherd Vet
- Other

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.

Acknowledgment of Submission of Application to ASPCA: (check box).

If your proposal is accepted and you move forward in the granting process, these will be the data requirements:

- Reporting requirements and frequency will include the following:
 - Provide baseline summary data (for clinics already in operation) at time of grant agreement, to include calendar year 2025 and (January through grant agreement/kick-off month) for 2026
 - Interim reporting (6 months into grant funded project)
 - Final report data (end of granting period)
- At time of grant agreement, the ASPCA will provide additional reporting guidance including a universal reporting template and anticipate having a "special report"/data export option available for ClinicHQ users. ASPCA staff will be available to provide guidance/technical support for reporting if needed.
- These reporting requirements are intended to not only illustrate the baseline (pre-grant) surgeries provided and grant-funded increase in surgeries, but also to support



understanding of impacts across the communities served by ASPCA grantees cumulatively, including on shelters/rescues, pet-owning households, and community cats.

1. Need to know number of spayed dogs, number of neutered dogs, number of spayed cats, number of neutered cats for:

- Shelter/rescue animals
- Owned pets
- Community cats

Note: Surgeries provided for partner organizations (such as a rescue that transports in a mix of rescue animals, owned pets, and/or community cats) will also need to be reported in the above categories based on pet ownership status.

2. For owned pet spay/neuter, unique number of households/owners (receiving a spay/neuter surgery for at least one pet):

3. Proportion of surgeries reported above by county (if you serve clients from multiple counties)

- Percent of all Shelter/rescue spay/neuter surgeries provided to shelters/rescues in:
 - County A:
 - County B:
 - County C:
- Percent of all Owned Pet spay/neuter surgeries provided to pets in:
 - County A:
 - County B:
 - County C:
- Percent of all Community Cat spay/neuter surgeries provided to community cats in:
 - County A:
 - County B:
 - County C:

Note: We can create a template specific to each grantee (for non-Clinic HQ clinics) if they report on their current and planned service area counties at time of application.