



## 2026 ASPCA® Grants for Shelters and Spay/Neuter Clinics: Special Projects

The field of High Quality, High Volume Spay Neuter (HQHVSN) surgeries 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 ranging from \$10,000 - \$100,000 for special projects that address the challenges faced by the HQHVSN field.

The Special Projects category is designed for innovative ideas that don't fit within the other two spay/neuter grant categories. We're seeking original, practical proposals that can meaningfully advance HQHVSN efforts.

If you're applying for this category, we may request baseline data to measure the impact of the project, to be determined based on the proposal.

The submission process includes two stages:

### Stage I:

- Submit a detailed narrative outlining your proposed project
- Provide a comprehensive project budget

### Stage II:

- If your Stage I materials are approved, your organization will be invited to submit a full proposal

Questions: [ASNA.spayneutergrants@aspca.org](mailto:ASNA.spayneutergrants@aspca.org)

## Application Questions

### Organization Information

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

### Contact Information

- Primary Contact Name



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

Select the one category that best describes your organization *Helper text: 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 provider(s).*

- Nonprofit - Animal Shelter with a government contract
- Nonprofit - Animal Shelter without a government contract
- Government Animal Services
  - o 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
  - o What type of organization?

For Nonprofits:

- Is your IRS tax exempt status (501c(3), etc.) current?
  - o Yes
  - o 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.*

- o 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 is your request?

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

Upload a detailed narrative describing your proposed project

Upload a comprehensive project budget