

2026 ASPCA New York State Shelter Standards Implementation Grants

Companion Requirements Documents

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](#)
- <https://jsmcah.org/index.php/jasv/issue/view/12>The Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters
- [The Association of Shelter Veterinarians' 2016 Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs](#)

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
 - If the areas you serve are urban, suburban or rural
 - A list of all the counties, or county equivalents (e.g., borough or parish) your organization serves
- 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 either your board chair or treasurer are compensated by the organization
 - If your charitable registration is current/active in New York (for grants >=\$25,000)

- Amount of grant funding requested
- Project Title
- A copy of your current New York State Shelter Rescue License, or your submitted [New York State Shelter Rescue License application](#) (if your organization has not yet received its New York State Shelter Rescue License)
 - If you have submitted your License application, where you are in the process
- Clear and succinct outline of the proposed upgrade, program, or project
- The relevant requirement(s) your proposal will address, using the section and requirement numbers contained in the [Checklist document](#)
- Description of any expected barriers and how you plan to overcome them
- The information and/or measures you will use to know if the activities outlined in your proposal achieve the results you expect
- An expected timeline
- Proposed project budget using this [template](#)
- Formal bids or quotes for any permanent installation or construction, if available
- 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
- Any additional information you'd like to provide about your proposal
- What formal and informal partnerships your organization maintains with other organizations (including within and beyond animal sheltering/rescue and animal welfare) in your community and how these partnerships influence decision-making, resource-sharing, or collective problem-solving
- What programs, services, or capabilities your organization currently shares or coordinates with the broader community or partner organizations

- From your perspective, the most significant challenges currently facing animal shelters
- If your organizational budget were increased by 50%, what long-term changes or community-wide improvements you would prioritize and how additional capacity would enable you to influence or strengthen the broader animal welfare ecosystem in your community