

The DuPage Foundation invites local agencies to apply for funding to support animal welfare projects in DuPage County.

For the purposes of these grants, the definition of animal welfare is:

*A human responsibility that includes consideration for all aspects of animal well-being, including proper housing, management, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, responsible care, humane handling, and when necessary, humane euthanasia.*

### **Background**

The DuPage Foundation received a significant legacy gift from a local donor to support animal welfare projects in DuPage County over a five-year timeframe. The Foundation held a convening in June 2018 to learn about the needs of local animal welfare agencies and to determine the areas where funding would have the greatest long-term and sustainable impact.

The following were identified as the most important areas in which to focus:

- Central resource for intake, resources, and communication
- Vehicles and vehicle maintenance to transport animals between shelters, to adoption events and for veterinary services
- Capital project support
- Spay/Neuter services

Initial grants awarded in 2019 supported the purchase/maintenance of transport vehicles and a central resource database to connect all local animal welfare agencies. As part of this special legacy initiative, additional animal welfare grants will be awarded in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

### **Grant Priorities**

In 2020, the committee will consider applications to support the following:

- Capital Expenditures
- Matching Funds for Capital Campaigns
- Spay/Neuter Veterinary Services

### **Eligibility**

- DuPage County 501(c)(3) organizations
- Projects must focus on animal welfare in DuPage County.
- Agencies in which the primary source of funding is from a governmental entity are not eligible.

## Grant Amount

- The Foundation will distribute approximately \$90,000.
- Organizations are eligible to apply for grants up to \$20K.

## Application Process

- **Friday, February 7, 2020 – 5:00 pm deadline**  
Eligible organizations may submit an LOI, through the Foundation's online grant system, describing the project for which they are seeking funding.
- **Friday, March 13, 2020**  
After review by members of the Grant Committee, organizations will be advised as to the disposition of their LOI and invitations will be extended to selected organizations to submit a full proposal.
- **Friday, April 17, 2020 – 5:00 deadline**  
Selected organizations may submit a full Animal Welfare Grant Application.
- **Friday, May 22, 2020**  
Organizations that submit a full proposal will be advised as to the disposition of their request.

## Review Criteria

The following criteria will be considered during the review of the Letters of Intent and Full Proposal:

- Strength of project to reach its goals
- Short- and long-term benefits for animals
- Feasibility of project
- Partnerships/collaboration with other community groups or agencies
- Project budget
- Strength and stability of the applicant organization

*Receipt of a grant through this special initiative does not preclude organizations from applying for an animal welfare grant through the DuPage Foundation's Community Needs Grant Program.*