

The DuPage Foundation invites local not-for-profit organizations to apply for funding to support animal welfare programs 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

Over the past two years, grants have been awarded to support projects in all of these areas. Additional animal welfare grants will be awarded in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Priority

Due to the significant impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on most not-for-profit organizations this past year, a specific area of focus has not been set for 2021. Each animal welfare agency has been affected differently and each has its own set of needs. Therefore, the committee will consider applications for grants that enable local organizations to continue to provide for the well-being of the animals in their care.

Eligibility

- DuPage County 501(c)(3) organizations
- Organization must be based in and primarily 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

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

Application Due Date

Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

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.