

DuPage Foundation Animal Welfare Grant Guidelines 2019



The Foundation received a legacy gift from a local donor to support animal welfare projects in DuPage County over a five-year time frame. To learn about the needs in this area, a convening of local animal welfare agencies was held in June 2018 to identify the most pressing and critical needs faced by these organizations.

One major issue expressed was the need for vehicles to transport animals. Attendees indicated that animals are routinely transported outside the confines of their facilities to obtain veterinary care and to move animals to shelters where adoption would be most successful.

The DuPage Foundation is offering grants to local organizations for transportation projects that will benefit animals in their care. Projects that have a long-term benefit will be prioritized.

For the purposes of this grant, 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.

In order to reduce applicant time and cost, the Foundation will begin the process by accepting letters of intent (LOI) from agencies that primarily provide animal welfare services. A committee will use the LOIs to select one or more organizations that will be invited to submit a complete grant application.

At a minimum, the LOI should address the challenges the organization faces due to transportation issues; a general explanation of the proposed project and how it will benefit the animals in their care; and the grant amount needed for the project.

Eligibility

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

Grant Amount

- The Foundation will distribute approximately \$90,000 in one or more grants.

Letter of Intent (LOI) and Application Process

1. Eligible organizations that have a project that will address transportation needs to improve animal welfare may submit an LOI through the DuPage Foundation's online grant system by 5:00 pm on February 1, 2019.
2. Members of the grant committee will review LOIs and will invite one or more organizations to submit a full proposal.
3. Invited organizations will submit an application via the Foundation's online application process. A due date will be provided at that time.

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
- Number of animals that will benefit
- Short and long-term benefits to animals
- Feasibility of project
- Partnerships/collaboration with other community groups or agencies
- Project budget
- Strength and stability of the applicant organization

Organizations receiving an Animal Welfare Grant through this process are not eligible to apply that same calendar year for a DuPage Foundation Community Needs Grant.