



2018 Grant Application Guidelines

As the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, we partner with over 3,500 organizations to help pets in need. View the view the full list of grant categories to find the best match for your organization.

Shelter Operations Grant

Grant awards will support core sheltering functions that are scalable and represent a shelter's move toward sustainable and innovative sheltering practices.

Application Window: March 1 – March 28

Applicants will be notified by July 31, 2018 if approved or declined

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Systematic improvements or additions that focus on shelter population management
 - Ex. Improved disease treatment protocols, enrichment, shelter sanitation protocols, shelter technology
- Adoption programs or infrastructure improvements designed to decrease the length of stay

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Applicants who do not have a brick and mortar shelter facility owned or long-term leased by the organization
- Requests for infrastructure or vehicles over \$100,000

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/shelter-operations>

Transport Grant

Grant awards will support the relocation of animals from areas in North America with significant pet overpopulation (Source Shelters) to locations where the adoption demand exceeds the availability of pets in shelters (Destination Shelters).

Application Window: April 2 – April 30

Applicants will be notified by August 31, 2018 if approved or declined

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Collaborative efforts that involve multiple partners utilizing sustainable transport networks relocating at least 1,500 pets annually (U.S.) or 500 pets (Canada)
- Transport programs that provide a financial or in-kind resource exchange from the destination shelter to source shelter
- Eligible transport program costs may include:
 - Direct transport costs including gas, travel expenses (e.g. hotel, food)
 - Transport staffing costs (e.g. driver, coordinator)
 - Multi-use small transport vehicles
 - Transport supplies including crates and carriers
 - Transportation preparation including vaccines and health certificates (Source Shelters only)
 - Extenuating medical for transported pets (Destination Shelters only)

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Requests to support more than 50% of a transport program's costs including vehicle acquisition, preparation, medical, staffing, supplies, travel costs and administrative overhead
- Requests for infrastructure or vehicles over \$100,000
- Requests that support transport to individuals. Ownership transfer must be at the organizational level.
- Applications from foster based rescues
- Applications for on-going transport operations that do not include plans for capacity building and sustainability
- Destination shelters in which the resource exchange is only the acceptance of transported pets
- Source shelters that support limited admissions
- Source shelters with no other intake reduction programs
- Transport for diversity of population only (age, breed, etc.)

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/pet-transport>

Pet Retention Grant

Grant awards will support proactive programs or services that provide resources and access to care to keep pets in their homes.

Application Window: June 1 – June 27

Applicants will be notified by October 31, 2018 if approved or declined

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Subsidized wellness and/or microchip programs and medical services for owned pets
- Intervention programs for at-risk populations
- Collaborations between human service and animal welfare organizations that help pets of families in transition
- Pet-friendly housing programs
- Diversion programs at intake that provide resources to pet parents

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Managed admission that lacks resources or assistance to keep pets in homes
- Humane education programs
- Spay/Neuter programs

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/pet-retention>

Enhancing the Quality of Life Through Pets Grant

Grant awards will support programs with a strong therapeutic component to train and equip pets to make a difference in the lives of people.

Application Window: July 2 – July 31

Applicants will be notified by November 30, 2018 if approved or declined

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Animal assisted therapy programs
- Service animal programs for people with disabilities or veterans
- Prison inmate dog training programs

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Working dog programs such as police k-9 units, search and rescue, bomb sniffing, and drug sniffing dogs
- Equine therapy

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/enhancing-quality-of-life-through-pets>

Spay/Neuter Grant

Grant awards will support programs that prevent unplanned litters through subsidized spay/neuter services.

Application Window: August 1 – August 29

Applicants will be notified by December 31, 2018 if approved or declined

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Spay/neuter programs or clinics that create access to spay/neuter services with a priority given to:
 - Regions with pet overpopulations (more pets than potential adopters)
 - Underserved human populations
- Programs in municipal shelters to increase spay/neuter capacity for shelter pets
- Large scale TNR efforts (over 500 animals annually) within a defined geographic parameter
- Collaborative efforts supporting a community wide initiative

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Individual blitz grants (must be a combined annual effort)
- Shelter pet surgeries in private non-profit shelters without a municipal contract
- Vaccine clinics without a spay/neuter component

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/spay-neuter>

Year-Round Grant Application Windows

Adoptions/Event Grants

We've helped more than 7.5 million pets find their forever homes. Let's work together to connect more people & pets than ever before. Become an in-store adoption partner or take part in PetSmart Charities' signature adoption events including National Adoption Weekends, which are held four times a year.

Adoption Partner Application Window: Year-round

Benefits of being a PetSmart Charities adoption partner:

- A safe, clean free space for adoptable dogs, cats, rabbits, and small pets
- Increased exposure of your mission to potential adopters
- Priority communication on new grant opportunities and dedicated support from the PetSmart Charities team
- A cash reward for pets adopted through our in-store adoption program
- The opportunity to participate in four National Adoption Weekends per year
- Food, litter, and appropriate habitats to use in the store
- Eligibility to apply for exclusive adoption event grants to save even more pets

What do Event Grants fund?

Funds will be determined based on the number of animals an organization is bringing to the event.

- Adoption Prep: (wellness exams, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations and microchipping)
- Marketing: (social media boosted posts, ads, banners, radio remotes and flyers)
- Event Equipment and Supplies: (tables, chairs, tents, fencing, permits, heating and cooling)
- Pet Containment and Supplies: (crates, pens, bowls, leads, and collars)
- Other (funds limited to 10% of overall grant award): (volunteer support, refreshments, gas)

Apply: To apply to host an adoption event and request funding, the first step is to reach out to the Store Leader at your [local PetSmart store](#). From there, you'll receive a link to an event grant application from PetSmart Charities.

Emergency Relief Grant

We're here to help in the event of large scale natural disasters. In case of an emergency, funds are available to assist during the rescue, relief, and/or recovery stages for qualifying organizations seeking to assist companion pets impacted by the disaster.

Application Window: Year-round

Applications that may be considered competitive for funding:

- Organizations directly affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes, fires, and floods
- Organizations designated as first responders in the affected areas

Applications including the below items will not be considered for funding:

- Self-deploying organizations

Apply: <https://www.petsmartcharities.org/pro/grants/emergency-relief>

Please contact us if you have any questions at grants@petsmartcharities.org.