

Arizona companion Animal Spay and Neuter Committee
Request for Donation Guidelines and Criteria

Please Read Carefully as the Guidelines Have Changed

Important Information for Grant Applicants
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The Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Grants Committee would like to offer a few tips for submitting your application. First, please be reminded that this is a competitive process. Requests generally exceed the amount of money available annually. Therefore, not every application will receive funding and not every grant will be funded at the level requested. Evaluators take into consideration many factors, including but not limited to geographic need, community resources, demonstrated ability to manage the grant effectively, and the impact on the animal and human population to be served.

*To ensure that your application gets every consideration, please carefully read and follow the guidelines. Provide **ALL** the information requested. **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.** Answer each section with as many specifics as possible in a concise and clear manner with direct relevance to the question, so the evaluators will clearly understand your program and its importance to your community. The quality of your application is an important statement about your organization and its ability to administer the program for which the grant money is requested.*

For 2011, the Arizona companion Animal Spay and Neuter Committee will disburse a minimum of 90% of the monies deposited in the "Spaying and Neutering of Animal Fund" from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. As of the end of March 2011, the fund had \$105,000. Awards to multiple organizations may be made.

Applications Requirements

1. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Be an animal welfare organization that files under section 501 c(3) of the United States revenue code for income tax purposes and that offers or subsidizes sterilization services for dogs and cats within the State of Arizona.
 - b. Be an animal control agency that offers or subsidizes sterilization services for dogs and cats within the State of Arizona.
2. The application must propose an activity compatible with the Arizona Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Committee mission and in accordance with ARS 28-2422: "The companion animal spay and neuter committee shall allocate monies to a qualifying entity that allocates the monies to programs that seek to reduce pet overpopulation by sterilizing, at minimal or no cost, dogs and cats in the state, including those that are impounded pursuant to section 11-1022".
3. To be eligible for funding, candidates must facilitate the sterilization of at least one of the following:
 - a. Public Spay/Neuter Program

- b. Open Admission Non-Profit Animal Welfare/Government Animal Welfare Spay/Neuter Programs
 - c. Free-Roaming (Feral) Spay/Neuter Program
- 4. To be considered for funding the application must be complete and received by the committee or postmarked by the deadline. Otherwise the application will not be considered.
Three total packets (one original and two copies) of the following:
 - a. the completed original application
 - b. the identified enclosures (see section IV)
- 5. Requests for funding may not exceed \$10,000 per project. However, based on the number of applicants, the scope of the proposed projects and the funds available, the evaluator's recommendations may include an adjustment (increase or decrease) of the funds requested by the applicants.
- 6. Accurate record keeping and accounting is imperative. Applicants must allow site visitation by representatives of the spay/neuter committee to be considered for funding.

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Application Form

Section I. Contact Information

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Leader Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Section II. Community Information

1. Describe the community that you serve.

a. city/county/region that you serve: _____

b. estimated human population: _____

c. estimated number of homeless animals in your community (companion animals that enter the government animal control agency and other animal welfare organizations per year): _____

Section III. General Organizational Information

1. Organizational Mission:

2. Annual Operating Budget for Current Fiscal Year:

3. Annual Statistics for your Organization. Please complete the following table referencing either the last 12 months of performance, or the performance of the most recent fiscal year.

Annual Statistics	Dogs	Cats	Total
Animal Intake			
Adoptions			

Sterilizations	Dogs	Cats	Total
Public			
Sheltered			
Free-Roaming/(Feral)			
Total			

4. What is your average cost per surgery?

	Average Cost per Surgery
Male Cat	
Female Cat	
Male Dog	
Female Dog	

5. What is your live release rate? _____

To calculate your live release rate, follow this formula: Total adoptions + total transfers (rescue or otherwise) + total returned to owner divided by your total Outcomes (excluding owner/guardian requested euthanasia and dogs and cats that died or were lost in the shelter/care. Live release rate is given in percentage form.

$$\text{(Adoptions + Transfers + returned to owner)} / \text{(Total Outcomes)}$$

6. Check all information that accurately describes your organization:

- government agency
- private, non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status, no government contract
- private, non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status, with government contract
- none of the above

7. Describe your organization – check all that apply:

- open admission shelter
- spay/neuter organization only
- other (specifically and fully describe) _____

8. Is your organization available for onsite visits and inspections from the public and this Committee?

- yes What are your hours of operation? _____
- no Please explain. _____

Section IV. Description of Project

1. The project for which you are seeking funding is:
 new program existing program

2. Target Animal Population and amount for funding request

Target Animal Population	Funding Request Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Spay/Neuter Program for Dogs and Domesticated cats	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Free-Roaming (Feral) Cat Spay/Neuter Program	\$ _____

Please note: Funds are designated for sterilization costs only. Purchase of equipment, vaccinations, travel or other ancillary costs will not be funded.

3. Use a separate sheet of paper to describe the program. Do not exceed two 8 1/2 x 11 single spaced typewritten pages. Type: Arial or Times New Roman, 12 point size, one inch margins. (50 points A & B)

- A. Describe the project(s) for which you are requesting funding.
- B. Include the number of animals to be served by this project.

4. Describe how you will raise awareness in the community of:

- Spaying and neutering
- Pet friendly license plate

(20 points)

5. Describe the segment of population to be served by the program (animal and human) (20 points).

Section V. Enclosures

The following enclosures must accompany your application to be considered:

1. The organization and the executive and management staff in charge of the project. A list of the Board or Directors and other volunteer organizational leadership, if you are a non-profit organization (list of names and contact information).
2. A letter signed by the executive in charge that all veterinarians working on the project have and maintain a current State of Arizona veterinary license throughout the project
3. If you are applying for funding for a free-roaming (feral) program include a statement verifying that the cats are ear-tipped and given a rabies vaccination.
4. A copy of the organization's 501(c)3 determination letter, if you are a non-profit organization
5. The end of year (2010) balance sheet
6. A letter from the appropriate official guaranteeing that the funds will be used specifically for the purpose requested only
7. Project Coordinator Name, phone number and email address to be published on the azpetplates.org web site.

Please send three complete packets of information (original and two copies of all enclosures identified) by: **August 31, 2011**
To the following address:

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