



## Community Spay/Neuter Program Request For Proposals

Since 1975, The Animal Assistance Foundation (AAF) has funded programs to end pet overpopulation in Colorado. AAF is interested in redoubling its grant making to increase spay/neuter rates for companion animals within specific communities. Rural and urban programs are eligible to apply.

AAF is seeking collaborative proposals which include multiple community groups. Any single agency or collaboration including animal shelters, humane groups, schools, animal control, veterinarians, local government, law enforcement and interested citizens are eligible to apply provided there is a 501(c)(3) and/or governmental organization associated with the effort. AAF will work with the selected communities to develop spay/neuter programs and measure impact. Ideally grant funds will increase the spay/neuter surgeries within communities when compared to the previous year's spay/neuter surgery production. While an increase over the previous benchmark is ideal it is not a prerequisite for applying for funding. The program should target either cats, dogs or both. Projects attempting to leverage local resources for sustainable results are especially encouraged to apply. Proposals using spay/neuter mobile clinics are eligible provided they are linked with local partners.

The successful community should demonstrate:

- A high need for a targeted spay/neuter program because of socio-economic factors, pet overpopulation problems or both.
- An existing collaboration to impact overpopulation or the potential to develop a community collaboration involving multiple stakeholders to impact pet overpopulation.

AAF has implemented targeted spay/neuter programs within communities in Colorado that have few resources and high pet overpopulation. Components of previous programs have included broad community participation especially veterinarians, access to other spay/neuter subsidies, education within the local school system and a variety of methods to measure impact. AAF is implementing similar programs in other high need areas of the state. We invite innovative proposals that define the homeless problem for pets and customize an intervention suited to diminish cat and dog population.

Interested groups are invited to briefly outline their ideas and budget estimates for increasing spay/neuter within their community in an email to [info@aaf-fd.org](mailto:info@aaf-fd.org). Please feel free to contact the Animal Assistance Foundation to discuss this project further. Applications for this initiative will close March 30, 2012.

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