

# 2017 Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Fund Application Guidance

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1. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) anticipates that up to \$250,000 will be available for programs to reduce Animal Homelessness and Cruelty by providing free or low-cost spay-neuter services for dogs and cats owned by individual members of the public.
2. To apply for grant funds, the applicant must be a city or county animal control agency or shelter that offers spay and neuter services for dogs and cats owned by individual members of the public. Eligible applicants must also be current on their 2016 reporting requirements to the State Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Section.
  - Eligible agencies processing fewer than 5,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$7,500\*.
  - Eligible agencies processing between 5,000 and 25,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$15,000\*.
  - Eligible agencies processing more than 25,000 dogs and cats per year are eligible to receive up to \$22,500\*.
3. Grant funds distributed under the Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Fund must create an additional funding source for spay-neuter services and programs. Funds must be used to supplement, not replace, other funding sources for existing services and programs.
4. Grant funds cannot be used to spay or neuter any animal that is impounded by an eligible municipal shelter.
5. [Applications](#) must be submitted via email to CDFA's Office of Grants Administration at [grants@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:grants@cdfa.ca.gov) and received by 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2017.

\* CDFA reserves the right to offer an award for less than the maximum award amount.