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2023 Animal Welfare Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites your organization to partner with us to improve the welfare of animals in our region. Through a competitive request for proposals process, GCF and our generous donors strive to invest in the expertise of trusted partners to meet the needs of the animal population.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$15,000 in funding. **To be considered, proposals must be submitted by Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5:00pm.**

Funding Focus

Proposals should explicitly address one or more of the following purpose(s):

- To reduce the homeless pet population by increasing the availability of spay-neuter services and/or foster and adoptive homes.
- To provide access to spay-neuter services for, or support optimal health and well-being of, sheltered animals as well as those living with families with low incomes, experiencing homelessness or that have been displaced.

Use of Funds

Funding may be used to support, expand, or strengthen existing programs, enact capital improvements, launch a new program, or build organizational capacity. Collaboration between well-aligned organizations is highly favored. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns or special events. For more specifics of what funding may be used for, please review our [Grant FAQs](#).

Criteria

- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status or government agency. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3), you may utilize a fiscal agent, however the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.
- Grants will be made to organizations with efforts based in the Greater Cincinnati region which includes the counties of: Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont in Ohio; Boone, Kenton and Campbell in Kentucky and Dearborn in Indiana.
- Organizations meeting the above criteria are welcome to apply, however, preference will be given to:
 - Proposals with clear and measurable outcomes.
 - Organizations that have demonstrated partnerships and alignment to community-wide efforts.
 - Organizations that focus on the reduction of avoidable euthanasia.



Application Process

Submit your application at www.gcfnd.org/Foundant and enter the code “GCFG23”; then select “GCF Giving Circle Application.” After creating a new account and/or logging in, please complete and submit the application by Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Upload the following three (3) documents in the final section of the application:

- Most recent audit or 990
- Project budget
- Income statement and balance sheet (Most recent two years, if possible)

Templates are provided for the project budget, income statement and balance sheet. The use of these templates is optional, but encouraged.

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Release	Monday, October 16, 2023
Proposal Deadline	Thursday, November 16, 2023 @ 5:00pm
Decision Communicated	December 2023
Funding Received	December 2023

Questions

Answers to general questions are available on our website at www.gcfnd.org/faq.

Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Adison Nelson - Director, Community Strategies at adison.nelson@gcfnd.org. She is the GCF staff member leading this RFP process and should serve as your primary contact. Questions about the Foundant system or process timeline can be directed to Hannah Hilditch, Community Strategies Coordinator, at hannah.hilditch@gcfnd.org.

Thank you for considering partnership with GCF, and we look forward to learning from your submission.

GCF Mission

As a trusted and connected partner, we inspire generous people to invest in a more equitable and vibrant region, now and for generations to come.