The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Animal Industry Division (AID), is offering grants pursuant to Public Act 132 of 2007, the Animal Welfare Fund Act. The purpose of the animal welfare fund is as stated in MCL 287.993 is:

Sec. 3. (1) The animal welfare fund is created in the department to provide funds to promote sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by educating the public and training personnel authorized by law to enforce state animal anticruelty laws, to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state anticruelty laws, and to allow the purchase of equipment and supplies for programs that receive grants under this act.

General Eligibility Requirements and Grant Program Priorities

- Funds will only be awarded to animal shelters currently registered with MDARD pursuant to Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended.
- No more than $10,000 will be awarded to an individual applicant. If more applications are received than can be supported by available funding, awards will go to the best proposals.
- An Animal Welfare Fund Grant received pursuant to Public Act 132 of 2007, shall not be used to replace funds otherwise designated by a grantee to support similar programs or projects if existing funds for those programs or projects are included in the grantee’s budget before receiving a grant under this act.
- Funds may not be used to sterilize privately-owned dogs/puppies or cats/kittens; nor be used to sterilize shelter dogs/puppies or shelter cats/kittens imported into Michigan. Funds may not be used for ancillary procedures such as vaccination, micro-chipping, tests/treatments for conditions/diseases. Funds may not be used for attendees’ travel, lodging, or meal expenses at MDARD-approved conferences, workshops, etc. (only registration fees). MDARD staff are not eligible for any grant funds.
- Applicants must have submitted their Annual Shelter Activity Report (AI-034) for the previous year’s statistics, and the applicant shall have otherwise complied with section 9a of Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended.
- An organization that has previously received an Animal Welfare Fund Grant, that does not comply with the provisions of Public Act 132 of 2007 or the terms of the Grant as determined by MDARD is not eligible for any future grants pursuant to section 7(1) of Public Act 132 of 2007.
- The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will have final authority to approve or not approve grant proposals and awards, based upon selection criteria, program priorities, and the merits of the individual applications.
We are applying for grant funds for:
(applicant may select more than one, so long as the total amount for the project(s) is no more than $10,000).

X to increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted, to include the purchase of equipment and supplies for this program (i.e. payments to qualified veterinarian pursuant to section 2(d) of Public Act 132 of 2007, for reasonable and customary professional services related to sterilization procedures, payments for transportation of shelter animals to sterilization site, surgical suite equipment or supplies for alteration of shelter animals at the shelter and/or at veterinary practices).

☐ to provide information to the public about the value of sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to include the purchase of equipment and supplies for this program.

☐ to improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by educating the public, to include the purchase of equipment and supplies for this program.

☐ to improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by training personnel authorized by law to enforce state anticruelty laws (i.e. registration fees for attendance at MDARD-approved conferences, workshops, etc.) to include the purchase of equipment and supplies for this program (i.e. MDARD-approved speaker fees for conferences, workshops, etc.)

☐ to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws, to include the purchase of equipment and supplies for this program.

*Public Act 328 of 1931; MCL 750.49 – “Animals” mean vertebrate other than human.

Project(s) Purpose: (Clearly state the objectives of the project(s), i.e. what you expect to accomplish – be specific):

Example, for a sterilization project:
Woofing County is requesting $10,000 from the 2015 Companion Animal Welfare Grant Fund to have all animals spayed/neutered prior to being released to a licensed rescue organization or adoption. This will allow more animals to be adopted and will reduce the number of animal intakes.

Woofing County will partner with Hip to Snip Neuter Clinic, located at 103 Paw Print Drive, Felineview, Michigan 49075. The sterilization procedures will be performed by their veterinarian (Sarah Sucture, DVM; Michigan license #69x xxx xx01) and if needed, Michael Cauter, DVM; Michigan #69x xxx xx12; Cauter Veterinary Clinic, PC in Dogwood, MI). To increase the numbers of surgeries to be performed, two sterilization surgical packs will be purchased for Hip to Snip Neuter Clinic.

In 2013 our animal intake was 400 animals, of which only 215 were sterilized and adopted. We would like to increase the adoption rate by having all animals sterilized prior to adoption.

Example, for a Training project:
Woofing County’s Animal Control officers have not attended a conference in ten years due to budget constraints. We would like to send two officers to at least one conference in 2015, such as those offered by MAACO or MAACO partners, to gain valuable updates on laws, animal husbandry and sheltering techniques. Program/conference information for 2015 is not yet available, but based on 2014 information that is available, conference registration fees were upwards of $175 per person. Therefore we are asking for $350 for our officers, supported by actual costs/receipts when available for 2015 programs/conference.
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Expected Outcomes: (Each object listed above must have a specific, measurable outcome, i.e. the evidence that the program objectives and purpose was accomplished):

Example, for a sterilization project:
Based on previous year shelter statistics, the projected number of animals to be sterilized prior to adoption in 2015 will be 325 animals, which will be a 34% increase over 2014.

Example, for a Training project:
The Animal Control officers attending the conference will be updated with the most current methods in handling complaints, upholding the laws, adoptions and customer service skills.

Work Plan: (Describe specific activities &/or tasks that will be performed to accomplish the outcomes & objectives – to include who will be conducting each activity/task, the timelines, & expected completion date):

Example, for a sterilization project:
Bowers Buddies will partner with XYZ Spay/Neuter Clinic. The Michigan licensed veterinarian that will be performing the surgeries is Dr. John Dolittle. XYZ Clinic will invoice Bower Buddies on a monthly basis. The completion date will be December 31, 2015, or until all funds have been spent.

Example, for a Training project:
Two Animal Control Officers will attend the MAACO’s October, 2015 Conference and the county will pay for travel costs, lodging costs and meal costs.

Budget Narrative: [Total estimated cost of the project(s) with a breakdown of Grant dollars to be used on the project(s)]:

Example, for a sterilization project:
XYZ Spay/Neuter Clinic provided a $5.00 discount on canine sterilization, allowing eight more dogs to be altered. Attached is quote for surgical packs.

Example, for a Training project:
Registration fees for two Animal Control Officers will attend the MACCO in Mount Pleasant on October 29-30, 2015.

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Name of person who filled out this grant application: Title: Phone number:

Fred E. Fleas Volunteer (269) 123-0987 extn: 4

By signing below, I hereby verify that no one associated with this grant application or proposed project(s) has a conflict of interest with grant process or grant funding. By signing below, I acknowledge that if this organization receives a grant under this act it shall provide a written report of grant-funded activities to MDARD as prescribed by MDARD. I acknowledge that a grant received under this act that does not comply with the provisions of this act or the terms of the grant shall be required to repay to the department the amount of the grant, or a portion of the grant, as determined by the department. I also acknowledge that monies received by this grant will not replace funds otherwise designated to support similar programs or projects or are included in the budget before receiving a grant under this act.

Signature of the person who would be responsible for implementing and monitoring this grant: Date: 10/09/2014

Printed name of the person above: Title: Phone number:

Timmy N. Lassie Financial Manager (269) 123-0987 extn: 1

Application must be received (not postmarked) by November 10, 2014.