



Fort Bend County

R-201810-22596 - Live Release Intake Reduction Request
Amount Requested: \$10,000.00
Tax Status: Governmental (Municipality/County)

Application Qualification

Is your organization applying for funding to support work related specifically to getting cats/dogs adopted, keeping them healthy in shelters, returning lost pets to their owners, and/or keeping pets in their homes? Yes

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE NOTE: The ASPCA may send back the application if the organizational profile is not completed or if the profile is not recently updated within the current year.

For applicants new to this grant portal (new as of September 10, 2017), your organizational profile is not complete. The registration to receive your log-in credentials does not count as your organizational profile.

To to access the organization profile, please go to the left-hand menu and click "Organization(s)". Click on your organization. In the organizational information page there is an edit button to click on the top right-hand corner to edit this profile.

Have you recently completed or updated your organization profile? Yes

When did you update your organization profile? 10/31/2018

▼ Organization Information

Organization: Fort Bend County
Primary Contact: Barbara Vass
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Primary Signatory: Robert Hebert

If an ASPCA employee solicited (formally invited) this request, please list his/her name here. If not, leave blank.

Julie Morris

General Request Information

For which RFP are you applying? Live Release/Intake Reduction General

Project Title : FBCAS Play Yard Renovation and Expansion

Program Area: Live Release

Provide a detailed description of your activity, event, program, and/or project in 500 words or less.

In July, 2018 Fort Bend County Animal Services (FBCAS) had the good fortune to have representatives from Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) spend 5 days with our shelter dogs, staff and volunteers to help us launch our own playgroup initiative. FBCAS is an open admission municipal shelter with an intake of approximately 3500 pets per year.

In early 2015, with new management in place, the focus of the shelter turned towards developing and implementing life-saving initiatives for our pet population. In January of 2015 our save rate was 58%, in September of 2018, our save rate was 91%. One of the reasons for our increase in our save rate is meeting our goal not to euthanize for time or space, and we house healthy and treatable animals for longer periods of time as a result.

These pets, mostly the "blocky headed whatevers", did not have an outlet for their energy and so they were being overlooked in their kennels. That is changing with the amazing time we spent with Tucker and Rafi from DPFL. Because of their help, we have a dedicated group of volunteers who are our playgroup leaders and staff who are able to lead groups on their own as well.

We have had an incredible change in our kennel environment with the stress levels being reduced, the volunteer base is more engaged, the staff can go out and work with the dogs as a group and we have been able to showcase our playgroups during adoption hours and have dogs adopted right from the group!

We would like to expand the program with the recommendations made by DPFL when they gave us our assessment as well as add a new play area with runs and gates that will allow us to be flexible with the size of the groups coming out. We are also interested in utilizing some of the funding if possible to have a follow-up session with the team from DPFL to continue training staff and volunteers in the program. We anticipate the cost to be \$10,000, all for fencing and installation and we know that it will benefit all of our dogs to help find them a new home.

Anticipated Start Date: 2/4/2019

Anticipated End Date: 6/4/2019

Funding Details

Request Amount: \$10,000.00

If part or all of the funds you are requesting will be used for payroll expenses, (such as salary, bonuses, etc.), please select 'Yes' below.

Does your funding request include payroll expenses as part of your requested amount? No

Does your request include funding for a vehicle?

If yes, please include an estimate for a half- and full-vehicle wrap on the Project Budget Line Items below (select "Vehicle & Animal Transport" from the Expense Type drop down menu). Supplemental funds to cover the cost of a wrap may be added to the grant at the ASPCA's discretion.

Project Budget**Project Budget**

Please note: The grand totals will not automatically update. The grand totals will calculate after the application is saved.

Expense Type	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested from ASPCA
Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
Expense Description	Fence materials and construction costs to add a walk gate between two existing play yards to expand the play area. Construct a "holding" area for dogs before they enter the play yard. Materials and construction costs related to constructing another large play yard with a dividing fence that has a walk gate between them to expand the play area.	
Grand Total:	\$10,000	\$10,000

If the total project cost is higher than the amount requested, please explain how the project will be fully funded.

We will not be able to go above the funding request so we will be sure to keep within budget.

Please upload an application budget or upload an additional project budget you would like to share. If you have already detailed your budget in the Project Budget section above, please feel free to skip this upload section.

Click on the '+' below and to the right of Request Budget to open the document uploader, select your file, and click Start Upload. Once the progress bar has reached 100%, you may close the uploader window.

Organization Budget and Request Budget Document**What goal(s) do you have for the work to be supported by this funding request?**

Our goal is to increase the number of dogs going out to playgroups every day and give them a better opportunity through the social interaction at finding a new home.

Renovating and creating a new play area will also give prospective adopters a chance to bring their dog into a contained and safe environment to meet and greet dogs coming from the playgroups and a better understanding of that dog's personality outside the confines of a kennel.

Over how many months do you estimate the requested amount would be used?

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How are project/program costs being covered while funding requests are pending?

We will not be making any renovations or additions while waiting.

Age Group	Percentage of Respondents
18-29	85%
30-49	80%
50-69	75%
70+	70%

Fiscal Organization

Does this grant include a Fiscal Sponsor/Agent? No

Request Details

If this grant is for a program or project, how will you track and assess your progress?

We can track the number of dogs utilizing both the renovated and newly constructed play yards though the increase in the number of play groups we will be able to have with the additions made.

Do you plan to continue the program or project beyond the grant term? Yes

How will you sustain it?

We intend for the play group program go be a permanent fixture at the shelter with our staff and volunteers. Continued successful promotion of the play groups through social media, recruiting new volunteers to become leaders and assistants, engaging staff and potential adopters will contribute to sustainability.

Geographical area served for THIS request ONLY

No Geographical area served for THIS request ONLY records have been added.

Impact

Population served for THIS request ONLY (You may choose more than one, but ONLY select those populations that will be served by THIS request. For example, if your organization provides services for equines and farm animals, but your request is for equine paddocks, you should choose "Equine" ONLY.)

Population Served:	Dogs
Estimated number of Cats to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):	0
Estimated number of Dogs to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):	1800
Estimated number of Equines to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):	0
Estimated number of Farm Animals to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):	0
Estimated number of Other Animals to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):	0
Estimated total number of animals to be impacted by the requested grant funds:	1800

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If your organization is tracking individual human clients served, please estimate the number to be impacted by the requested grant funds (if not applicable, enter "0"):

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Please explain how you calculated/estimated the impact numbers you provided above.

The number was estimated based on our total live outcomes in 2017 - including adoptions, rescues, transfers and return to owners. Moving forward, our intention is to be able to have these populations be eligible to participate in the DPFL program at our shelter.

Live Release/Intake Reduction Information

Capacity Cats:	50
Cat Free Space:	0
Capacity Dogs:	78
Dog Free Space:	0
Permanent Residents:	0

Please click the '+' button below and to the right of the 'Animal Tracking Report' text to open the uploader, select your file and click, Start Upload. Once your upload has reached 100%, you may close the uploader window.

Acknowledgement

By submitting an application for an ASPCA grant, you agree to allow the ASPCA to utilize the information submitted on such application in any way it deems appropriate to support its mission to prevent cruelty to animals, including fundraising. Such uses may include, but are not limited to, reproducing such information in print or on the ASPCA website and/ or allowing third parties to access such information. In addition, by submitting this application, you hereby certify that the requesting organization is aware of and endorses this request and the information herein and you are authorized to submit this application on behalf of the requesting organization.

Acknowledgment of Submission of Application to ASPCA: Yes

Photos, Videos, Press Releases and Media

To attach photos to this application, please use the Media Files section below. Before uploading your photos, please be sure each of their file names includes a number and a descriptive word or two. Use the dropdown menu when adding photos to select one of seven keywords that best describes your photo:

Keywords

1. Before and/or after (This can be in reference to the recovery of an animal or the restoration of a structure.)
2. Happy (Animal and/or people smiling, celebrating, etc.)

3. Equine
4. Farm animal
5. Dog
6. Cat
7. Other

We request the photos be in high-resolution .JPG or .PNG format (although we accept any format) at a file size ideally between 1MB and 5GB.

Describe the media you are uploading in this space. Please number your items and describe each item below in the same number order. If you have videos, please post the link to the videos instead of uploading the videos as video file sizes are big and the system file size limit is 5GB.

Media Description & Video Links:

The first photo shows a sketch from Dogs Playing For Life where they would recommend a walk gate and holding area on our existing play yard.

The second photo shows what we are interested in doing in an area adjacent to our shelter behind our new intake facility which is under construction.

There are three photos that show our dogs in our current play yards with the staff during one of our playgroups - something that we would never have attempted before without the guidance and training from DPFL.

Patrick - he is one of our playgroup superstars. He was thought to be dog aggressive and not good with people. Once he participated in the program, we learned he actually loves dogs and people and while in a playgroup, he was seen by a family who fostered and then later adopted him into a home with 2 other dogs.

Click on the '+' below and to the right of Request Documents to open the document uploader. select your file, and click Start Upload. Once the progress bar has reached 100%, you may close the uploader window.

MEDIA FILES

Patrick.PNG

Animal Relocation Supplemental Form

Added by Barbara Vass at 11:29 AM on October 31, 2018

Playgroup 3.JPG

Animal Relocation Supplemental Form

Added by Barbara Vass at 11:28 AM on October 31, 2018

Playgroup 2.JPG

Animal Relocation Supplemental Form

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Playgroup 1.JPG

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Animal Relocation Supplemental Form

Added by Barbara Vass at 11:09 AM on October 31, 2018

1. The first part of the report discusses the general situation of the company and the results of the audit. It also mentions the scope of the audit and the methods used.

2. The second part of the report discusses the specific findings of the audit. It mentions the areas where the company is doing well and the areas where there are problems.

3. The third part of the report discusses the recommendations of the audit. It mentions the actions that the company should take to improve its performance.

4. The fourth part of the report discusses the conclusions of the audit. It mentions the overall opinion of the auditor and the reasons for that opinion.

5. The fifth part of the report discusses the follow-up actions of the audit. It mentions the actions that the company should take to implement the recommendations of the audit.

6. The sixth part of the report discusses the final conclusions of the audit. It mentions the overall opinion of the auditor and the reasons for that opinion.

7. The seventh part of the report discusses the final recommendations of the audit. It mentions the actions that the company should take to improve its performance.

8. The eighth part of the report discusses the final conclusions of the audit. It mentions the overall opinion of the auditor and the reasons for that opinion.

MEDIA FILES

Proposed play yard idea.png

Animal Relocation Supplemental Form

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Request Documents

Your organizational documents should be uploaded in your organizational profile. To update your organizational documents including your 990 Tax Form, IRS Determination Letter, Organizational Budget, W-9, Audited Financials, Balance Sheets and other organizational documents, please visit your organizational profile.

Your application will be reviewed in conjunction with your organizational profile so please be sure to update your organizational documents including your 990 Tax Form, Organizational Budget, W-9, Audited Financials, Balance Sheets and other documents you would like us to review.

For your application, we ask for the following optional documents to upload here:

- Photographs pertinent to this request and/or of your facility
- Vendor quotes or other price documentation, if applicable
- Previous grants & fundraising
- Additional materials, such as a supplemental form requested by the Grant Officer

If your request is for a vehicle, including trailers, a vendor quote for the cost of the wrap is required.

Please note the file size limit is 5GB and we do not accept direct video uploads. You may enter the website to your video(s) below if you would like us to view videos as part of your application.

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REQUEST DOCUMENTS

