

California Spay & Neuter License Plate Fund, Inc

Grant Distribution Recommendations

Eligibility

Who is eligible?

- Municipal agencies will apply for funding and determine how to distribute within their community
- In jurisdictions where 501(c)3s administer shelter/spay & neuter services, they will be eligible to apply for funding
- Municipal agencies can potentially pass through grant funds to 501(c)3s, subject to the conditions and the terms of the municipal agency's grant agreement with the License Plate Fund.

Disbursement Requirements/Limitations

Should grants be capped?

- No. Grant guidelines should indicate that grant requests should be within a prescribed range, but that exceptions may be made for exemplary requests outside the range. The Board should also reserve the right to approve partial funding.

Should spay/neuter funds be ranked/prioritized?

- Yes. Grants should be prioritized based on a number of qualifications, including: low-income households, shelter intake, shelter euthanasia, availability of other low cost spay/neuter programs in the area, and if the program to be funded is an existing program.

Should funds be appropriated in geographic portions? Should the portfolio be weighted?

- No formal geographic restrictions. There is a danger in being too restrictive, but Fund could indicate goals, for example, to not provide more than 2/3rds funding to any specific part of the state (northern or southern), and to have at least 20% of grants apply to counties other than San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Sacramento counties.

Should funds be limited to cats and dogs?

- No formal restrictions.

Should any funding be specifically allocated for feral cat programs?

-No specific allocations, but projects targeting the feral/community cat population are welcomed, because the License Plate Fund recognizes the important of sterilizing the feral community in reducing euthanasia.

Should funding be limited to owned animals only?

-No. Funding should be used for spay/neuter of owned, feral/stray, or for impounded animals, at the time of redemption.

Should recipients be required to agree to random site visits?

-Yes. All recipients should agree to site visits if deemed necessary.

Grantee Promotional Requirements

What marketing requirements will grantees have?

-Grant recipients will be required to promote the license plate, by advertising the plate in their facility, newsletter, website and other practical means.

-All voucher recipients, pet owners, pet adopters, etc. must be informed in writing by the grant recipient that their animal was sterilized with funds from the license plate.

Application Process

What is the application process?

-Potential grantees must complete an application and submit additional documentation as necessary.

-The application should be simple and include detailed instructions to aid potential grantees.

-Applications should be available in hard copy format, but grantees should be encouraged to apply online if possible.

-Application timeline will be determined based on input from Shela Barker/state agencies.

Reporting Requirements

What reports will be required of grantees?

-Grantees should complete bi-annual reports.

-A mid-year report should consist of roughly 5 questions, and a full report will be due at the end of the grant period. The Fund should provide a reporting template to simplify the reporting process for grantees.