



GRANT APPLICATION

We are dedicated to funding proposals focused on the two areas indicated below. To begin the process, please make a selection that best matches the need behind your funding proposal. Please visit our website at www.ohioanimalfoundation.org for more information on our Grants Program and the primary focus areas.

Please consider this application for funding in the area of *(make only one selection)*:

Rescue and Shelter Services Wildlife Education, Protection, and/or Rehabilitation

Applicant: _____

Project Name/Description: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Contact Person & Title: _____

Email Address: _____ **Web Address:** _____

Amount Requested: _____ **Date:** _____

Please provide the following information to the best of your ability. Submit the completed and signed grant application together with the attachments electronically in PDF format via email to grants@ohioanimalfoundation.org. Applicants will be notified of their application status and funding decision via email.

If you have questions about the application process, please e-mail us at grants@ohioanimalfoundation.org or call us at (614) 226-3068.

Application Submission Deadline: June 1

- 1. COVER LETTER:** Please include an introductory description of your organization, its mission and goals, and briefly describe the need for and purpose of your request. *(1-page max)*

- 2. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE:** Please provide a detailed narrative describing the purpose of your request including your goals, objectives, and intended outcomes. This narrative should include the following information to the extent applicable *(3-pages max)*:
 - Intended use for the requested funds
 - Background on the issue or need to be addressed
 - Target audience
 - Time frame for the project
 - Criteria to determine how the success of the project will be evaluated



3. PROJECT BUDGET: Please submit a budget for your project including other sources of funding (if any). *A sample budget template is provided on page 3; however, the use of this particular form is not required.*

4. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS: (All attachments must be in PDF format)

- **Required:** Provide a copy of your IRS tax-exempt determination letter, organizational budget, and a complete list of board members.

5. AGREEMENT: By signing and submitting this application to the Ohio Animal Foundation, you agree that any funds that may be granted to you by the Foundation will be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in the application (including attachments) or as agreed in writing by the Foundation, and that the Foundation has no obligation to provide any further support beyond the amount approved. You also agree that you will report on the status of the project as required by the Foundation.

6. SIGNATURE:

Authorization Signature: _____

Must be signed by President, Executive Director, or Chief Executive Officer (electronic signatures accepted)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



BUDGET FORM

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Project Name/Description: _____

Please provide a general description of expected project expenses and funding sources:

PROJECT EXPENSES		
Total Requested:		
	Amount	Comments
Materials and Supplies		
Equipment and Maintenance		
Communications (eg phone, postage)		
Printing and Advertising		
Veterinary Expenses		
Fees		
Other (please specify)		
PROJECT REVENUE		
	Amount	Comments
OAF Grant Request		
Other Grants (identify grantors)		
Other Contributions/Fundraising		
Other Sources (please specify)		
Total Revenues:		



QUICK TIPS FOR SUCCESS

We want to see you succeed! So, we've put together this list of quick tips to help you navigate the application process. Once the application window has closed, our grants committee will convene to review the submissions, deliberate, and ultimately recommend award recipients to the board for a vote. Please work through your application with the following tips in mind in order for our reviewers to best understand your organization and program goals.

Quick Tip #1 – Ask Questions: For many organizations, the grant application process is new and can be overwhelming. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have a question along the way, either by phone (614-226-3068) or email (grants@ohioanimalfoundation.org).

Quick Tip #2 – Board Diversity: Be sure to include a list of board members (one of the attachments **required** in #4) with brief descriptions of the professional background or unique experience each individual brings to the table with regard to your work and overall mission.

Quick Tip #3 – Fiscal/Budget: This is a very important part of the application. **Including a project AND organizational budget is required for your organization to be considered for funding.** You should also include any additional fiscal policies or budgetary controls that your organization may have. Grant reviewers love to see evidence of strong internal fiscal/budgetary controls (i.e., segregation of duties with respect to the planning and handling of funds in an organization).

Quick Tip #4 – Education & Outreach: The sharing of information to promote the health and well-being of animals is a core element of the OAF mission. If your project has an educational component be sure to mention it! For some projects, this is obvious (e.g., wildlife educational classes for kids at a nature center). However, the educational component certainly is not limited to projects involving classes or training courses. Educational opportunities present themselves in a variety of environments and interactions. Be sure to consider the possible ways in which your project will contribute to learning, whether in the near or long-term.

Quick Tip #5 – Collaboration: As Helen Keller so wisely put it, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Are you working with other nonprofits, community groups, public/private agencies to facilitate your goals? Or do you have plans to do so during the implementation of this project? Be sure to mention this!

Quick Tip #6 – Research & Data: How are you using research and data to set and measure your goals? Is there a particular metric within your community that you aim to tackle? A brief discussion on data-driven programming is a great way to underscore the foundation of your stated need.