

NKLA Coalition 2018 Operations Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)

Best Friends Animal Society recognizes that only together can we Save Them All. We are looking for groups to send us proposals for unrestricted grants to help increase lifesaving (noses out) or directly decrease intake (noses in).

Current Realities

According to our projections, Los Angeles Animal Services will see 43,000-45,000 dogs and cats enter its facilities during the 2018 calendar year. To achieve a 90% save rate, we need to ensure we're increasing our targeted work (based on the populations listed below). To secure a 90% save rate, no more than 4,500 animals can be euthanized/die in care in a calendar year. Operational grants with significant lifesaving volume in the listed categories below will have a direct impact on increasing the overall save rate, thus pushing us closer to a 90%+ save rate for 2018.

Proposal Program

Proposals are requested for LAAS or groups looking to increase their New Hope pulling or direct LAAS intake reduction for 2018 to help take on a portion of lifesaving or direct decrease in LAAS shelter intake.

Target Population for Grants

1. Underage kittens (under 8 weeks, biggest population for impact as they are the lowest save rate and highest number killed at LAAS)
2. Adult cats (specifically working cats or cats not bonded to humans with programs fitting within injunction limitations)
3. Large dogs (over 40 lbs.)
4. Medical (animals needing extensive or immediate/urgent medical care)
5. Senior animals (8+ years)

Program Requirements for Operating Grants

1. Must be cat or dog that is from one of the Los Angeles Animal Services six city facilities. Must be pulled and tracked through LAAS New Hope tracking — meaning that group is required to get tracking to LAAS in time frame and deadlines as listed in New Hope policy manual.
2. Must have ability to track intake reduction directly from Los Angeles Animal Services intake.

Requirements for Application

- Applicant must be a member of the NKLA Coalition and in good standing prior to applying.
- Grants must follow requirements/qualifications specified above for either noses in or noses out.
- Applicant must be a participant in Shelter Animals Count.
- Will agree to all Best Friends reporting requirements on pre-designed template to be provided by regional engagement manager:
 - Monthly noses in/noses out tracking (created based on operational grant circumstances)
 - Detailed grant fund expenditures, receipts as requested (monthly)
 - Social media posts describing how the grant has helped with your lifesaving work (quarterly)
- NKLA Coalition Member badge must be present on group's website.

Application Process

- All grant applicants must submit the following:
 - Webform [grant application](#)
 - [Grant project narrative](#) (send completed copy to xxxxx@bestfriends.org)
- Applications and supporting documents are due September 30, 2017.
- Applications will be reviewed and a decision will be issued in late October 2017.
- All applicants are subject to a consultation with NKLA leadership to discuss grant proposal.
- Grants may be fully or partially funded based on how your RFP addresses "current realities."
- Applicant will be required to sign a grant agreement before funds are granted. A payment structure will be included in the contract.