



City of Lawrence
Outside Agency Funding
APPLICATION

General Information: Each year, the City Commission considers requests for the allocation of dollars to a number of agencies that provide services benefiting the Lawrence community. The decision on funding a request will be made during the City's annual budgeting process. The decision will be based upon the availability of funds, the need demonstrated through the agency's application, the stated objectives of the applicant's program, past performance by the agency in adhering to funding guidelines (as appropriate), and the ability to measure progress toward the program objectives.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BEGINNING IN 2009, FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED TO IN WRITING:

- FIRST HALF OF FUNDS WILL NOT BE DISBURSED BEFORE APRIL 1
- SECOND HALF OF FUNDS WILL NOT BE DISBURSED BEFORE OCTOBER 1

Instructions: Applications for 2009 funding must be complete and submitted electronically to the City Manager's Office at ctoomay@ci.lawrence.ks.us by the deadline of 5:00 pm on Friday, May 2, 2008.

Questions? Contact Casey Toomay, Budget Manager at ctoomay@ci.lawrence.ksu.s or at 785-832-3409.

Section I. Applicant Information

Legal Name of Agency: Lawrence Humane Society, Inc.
Name of Program for Which Funding is Requested: General
Primary Contact Person: Midge Grinstead, Executive Director
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Telephone: 843-6835 Fax: 843-6554
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Section 2. Request Information

- A. Amount of funds requested from the City for this program for calendar year 2009: \$256,320
- B. Will these funds be used for capital outlay (equipment or facilities) in 2009? If so, please describe:
No
- C. Will these funds be used to leverage other funds in 2009? If so, how:
No
- D. Did you receive City funding for this program in 2008? If so, list the amount and source for funding (i.e. General Fund, Alcohol Fund, etc.):
Yes - \$256,320 – General Fund

E. If you are requesting an increase in funding over 2008, please explain exactly how the additional funds will be used:

Not applicable

Section 3. Agency and Program Budget Information

A. How many paid full time employees work for your agency? 11 Volunteers? 300
How many paid part time employees work for your agency? 15 _____

B. What percent of your total 2008 budget goes to employee salaries and benefits? 48%

C. What percent of your total 2008 budget is used for operating expenses? 52%

D. What is the total estimated cost to provide the program in 2009? \$890,371

E. What percent of 2009 program costs are being requested from the City? 29%

F. List other anticipated sources of funding and funding amount for this program in 2009:

<u>Anticipated Funding Source</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Douglas County	\$30,000
Grants	\$30,000
Contributions / Fundraising	\$401,000
Memorials / Bequests	\$40,000
Shelter Fees	\$70,000
Spay / Neuter Deposits	\$62,000
Misc.	\$1,051
TOTAL 2009 PROGRAM BUDGET	\$890,371

Section 4. Statement of Problem/Need to Be Addressed By Program

A. Provide a brief statement of the problem or need your agency proposes to address with the requested funding and/or the impact of not funding this program. The statement should include characteristics of the client population that will be served by this program. If possible, include statistical data to document this need.

The Lawrence Humane Society, Inc. and the Ise Memorial Animal Shelter serves all citizens in the City of Lawrence and surrounding Douglas County. The Society is requesting funding for providing the following services:

A. Assist in enforcement of City ordinances regarding impoundment of animals found running at large by:

- 1) Receiving animals from the City Animal Control. House and care for the animals for 3 business days or until they are reclaimed, as space and State regulations allow.

- 2) After 3 business days, take permanent ownership of any unclaimed animal for the purpose of adoption or humane euthanasia.
 - 3) Provide assistance to Animal Control Officers in identification and prosecution of violators.
- B. Assist in receiving and investigating complaints of cruelty and neglect to animals, including assistance in prosecution and boarding of seized animals upon request and accompanied by the Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department.
- C. 24-hour, 7 days-a-week pick-up, board, veterinary care of injured, un-owned companion animals.

In the event the Society was not contracted by the City, there would be a need for a city pound in Lawrence. Additionally, animal control officers would need to be trained and enforce cruelty to animal statutes and offer humane care and pick up of injured animals. The Society picked up and/or received 528 injured and ill animals and investigated over 473 cases of cruelty and neglect complaints in 2007. 70% of the complaints investigated were in the City of Lawrence.

B. How was the need for this program determined?

Today's society is not composed solely of the human population. As more and more individuals incorporate companion animals into their lives and families, the issues pertaining to these animals demand greater attention. Issues such as companion animal overpopulation, bite / dangerous and vicious cases, cruelty and neglect issues and injuries must be addressed to create harmony between the human and animal populations. Further, education and other issues surrounding the care and keeping of companion animals in the City are vital to addressing these concerns.

C. Why should this problem/need be addressed by the City?

The core aspect of this problem is a public health and safety issue. The City must deal with animals that run at large, and in particular with animals that endanger the public. State statute requires that the City house and care for these animals for a specific period of time. This time allows owners the opportunity to identify their animal and shelter staff to confirm ownership and vaccination records. Further, legal proceedings involving dangerous/vicious animals or abuse/neglected animals also follow a definite process; and the animals must be cared for while this occurs. Beyond the public health and safety issue, the citizens of Lawrence have demanded that all companion animals be afforded humane care and consideration. Recent city ordinances relating to dangerous/vicious animals and anti-tethering show this commitment. The success of these animal control ordinances have many outside communities looking to Lawrence for guidance in addressing the very same issues. The City should continue taking the lead in addressing these issues.

Section 4. Description of Program Services

- A. Provide a brief description of the service you will provide and explain how it will respond to the need you identified in Section 3. The description should include how many clients will be served, and should describe as specifically as possible the interaction that will take place between the provider and the user of the service.

All Lawrence citizens will be served by the Society's services. As the city's human population grows, the companion animal population grows as well. In 2006, the shelter received over 5,400 dogs and cats, with 69% of the cats and 63% of the dogs coming from within the city limits of Lawrence. The Society is already on track to receive a similar, if not higher, number of animals in 2008. Animal intake in 2009 should follow the same course.

In 2007, over 1200 individuals/families were reunited with their companion animals. In addition, over 2000 screened individuals/families were able to adopt and welcome a new companion animal into their homes.

In 2007, the Society investigated 473 cruelty and neglect reports, 70 % of which involved animals within the city limits of Lawrence. Further, 528 injured and ill animals were picked up and/or received by the Society and cared for by Society staff.

Currently, the Society provides "on-call" from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to provide service for injured, unowned animals that are found within the City. However, due to the rising costs of gasoline, supplies, and medications, the Society is struggling to stay within its operational budget. Thus, if the City should cut the Society's budget request again in 2009 or delay payment as indicated, we will be forced to eliminate this employee position and will not be able to provide "on-call" services to the City and its residents.

Also, if the City should cut the Society's budget request again in 2009 or delay payment as indicated, the Society will no longer be able to hold animals being quarantined for bite cases and kept under the City's dangerous and vicious ordinance. Despite the Society's repeated requests that these cases be expedited, prosecution continues to be slow. Some of these cases are not resolved for several months. Care of these animals is more labor and cost-intensive. Thus, the City will have to arrange for these animals to be kept at a registered veterinarian's office for the ten-day quarantine period and subsequent holding period until the court rules on the case.

- B. Describe any efforts your agency has made to explore the community to determine if there are any other agencies providing similar types of services. What efforts have you made to coordination services?

The Lawrence Humane Society is the only organization within Douglas County that provides the wide-range of companion animal services it does. It also is the only organization that has a state-licensed facility dedicated solely to the housing and care of stray and unwanted companion animals in Douglas County. However, the Society routinely works with local licensed rescue groups, as well as the State of Kansas Animal Health Department, to provide the best care and placement of companion animals received.

Section 5. Program Objectives

Please provide three specific program objectives for 2009. Objectives should demonstrate the purpose of the program and measure the amount of service delivered or the effectiveness of the services delivered. A time frame and numerical goal should also be included. Examples include, “75% of clients receiving job training will retain their job one year after being hired,” “increased fundraising efforts will result in a 15% increase in donations in 2009,” “credit counseling services will be provided to 600 clients in 2009,” “new digital arts program will serve 275 students in 2009” etc. **Applicants will be expected to report their progress toward meeting these objectives in their six month and annual reports to the City.**

Program Objectives

1. The Society completed a state required renovation of the adoption facility in 2007. Although the Society launched a capital campaign to pay for the \$620,000 renovation, they fell short of their goal. The Society currently has a loan balance of \$124,000 and will be working in 2008 to find funding to eliminate the debt.

2. In an effort to reduce costs, particularly for animal treatment, the Society is working to fund a part-time staff veterinarian and is refurbishing its animal care clinic as funds allow.

3. The Society will raise and spend \$32,000 to subsidize the spay or neuter of companion animals in our community that might not otherwise be altered. This will help reduce the pet overpopulation facing our community.

Please return completed application electronically to ctoomay@ci.lawrence.ks.us by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 2, 2008.

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six month report received	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	audit received:	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
annual report received:	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no	tax return received:	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no