

Applicant Questions and Answers

RFA Number HHS0015214	RFA/Grant Name Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Spay and Neuter Grant Program for Cats and Dogs
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+	1	Section II. Scope of Grant Project Section 2.5 Eligible Activities Page 10	<p>"ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES- This grant program may fund activities and costs as allowed by the laws, regulations, rules, and guidance governing fund use identified in the relevant sections of this RFA. Only grant-funded activities authorized under this RFA are eligible for reimbursement and payment under any Grant Agreement awarded because of this RFA. The primary focus of the RFA is providing spay/neuter Sterilization services for dogs and cats owned by Texas residents at no- or low-cost. Grants awarded because of this RFA will be funded on a Cost Reimbursement basis. Under the Cost Reimbursement method of funding, grant recipients are required to finance operations with their own working capital with grant payments made by DSHS to reimburse the grant recipients for actual cash disbursements to be supported by adequate documentation."</p> <p>██████████ operates an Animal Shelter (██████████) and employs two on-staff veterinarians. Under state statute, shelter veterinarians are prohibited from providing veterinary care to privately owned animals.</p> <p>My question is two-fold: would the sterilization of dogs/cats in an Animal Shelter's foster-to-adopt program be an eligible activity or is it solely limited to animals who are already privately owned? Our City ordinance requires our shelter to spay/neuter animals prior to finalization of the adoption- and the vast majority of animals we see coming into our shelter are unaltered. If sterilization of foster-to-adopt animals is eligible, would the sterilization of animals by the shelter veterinarian prior to adoption be reimbursable under the grant, or would eligible costs only be incurred if it is performed by outside/private veterinarians?</p>	<p>No. Refer to Section 2.5 Eligible Activities of the RFA. It states, "The primary focus of the RFA is providing spay/neuter Sterilization services for dogs and cats owned by Texas residents at no- or low-cost."</p> <p>Refer to Section 9.4 Evaluation Criteria – Exhibit F. Evaluation Tool and Form F Assessment Narrative. Applications must demonstrate a workable plan to provide sterilization of dogs and cats for the general public at low or no cost and must include an outreach program targeting pet custodians. The application must specify how the general public will be made aware of the availability of low-cost sterilization services.</p>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Section I. Executive Summary, Definitions, and statutory Authority Section 1.1 Executive Summary Page 6	Eligible Applicants Question: I am writing to ask for clarification after reviewing the recently released RFA for the Spay and Neuter program (RFA # HHS0015214). In short, are Veterinary Schools included under the types of organizations that are eligible to apply for funding? I am a Program Manager in Research Development at the [REDACTED] School of Veterinary Medicine. At first glance I thought we might qualify but upon reflection, I have my doubts. Any clarification you can provide would be greatly appreciated.	No. Refer to Section 2.5 Eligible Activities of the RFA. It states, "The primary focus of the RFA is providing spay/neuter Sterilization services for dogs and cats owned by Texas residents at no- or low-cost." And refer to Section 9.4 Evaluation Criteria – Exhibit F. Evaluation Tool and Form F Assessment Narrative. Applications must demonstrate a workable plan to provide sterilization of dogs and cats for the general public at low or no cost and must include an outreach program targeting pet custodians. The application must specify how the general public will be made aware of the availability of low-cost sterilization services.