



## Grants for Animal Rescue to Save More Lives: The Rachael Ray Save Them All Grants

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**The Rachael Ray Save Them All Grants** fund projects that increase lifesaving of cats and dogs in U.S. shelters. We welcome project proposals from public and private shelters, as well as rescue groups and other animal welfare organizations focused on impacting lifesaving at shelters.

Learn more about the basics of the Rachael Ray Save Them All grants and hear from a grant recipient on the **[Best Friends Podcast](#)**.

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## Who Can Apply?

- Public and private shelters with a **lifesaving gap** (save rate below 90%)
- Public and private shelters, rescue groups, and other animal welfare organizations without a **lifesaving gap** whose project will be impacting a shelter that has a lifesaving gap (has not yet achieved a 90% save rate)

## Other Eligibility Requirements

Please make sure you are familiar with the following requirements before applying:

- **Organizations must be a part of the Best Friends Network**
  - [See if your organization is already a network partner](#)
- **Data-sharing requirements**
  - Submit all monthly data for 2024 through July of 2025 to Shelter Pet Data Alliance (SPDA) for eligible organizations
    - [Create/log in to your SPDA account](#)
  - Submit 2024 annual community data for non-SPDA eligible organizations
    - [Submit your 2024 annual data](#)
- Programs must be implemented within the United States

- Awarded grant funds must be spent within a one-year period
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## What Types of Projects are Considered?

Projects can be focused on just one event/program or can include multiple events/programs.

### **Here are a few examples of previously funded Save Them All Grants:**

- Implementing programs that provide pet retention services for the community
- Increase of Return to Field or Adoption via working cat program
- Providing advanced medical care for target number of at risk pets
- Return to home efforts expanded through waived fees
- Shelter enrichment for large dogs at-risk for kennel decline
- Transferring in at risk population (i.e. underage kittens, adult cats, large breed dogs) from a specific high need shelter

**See the full list of grants** awarded during our last cycle.

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## How Much Funding Can I Request?

Your organization can apply for a grant of up to \$50,000, with the amount requested not exceeding 10% of your operating budget.

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## Letter of Interest (LOI) Information

This grant cycle, we will be collecting Letters of Interest (LOI) as the first phase of the grant cycle. When applying for the grant, there will be a short form that

you will submit for the grant.

Below, are the questions that are included in the LOI form to help in your preparation.

- Which Grant are you submitting a grant proposal for? (The Rachael Ray Save Them All, The Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence, Not Sure)
- Project Name
- How would you identify your community? (Urban, Suburban, Rural)
- Have you previously applied for one of these grants in the past? (Yes, No, Not Sure)
- Amount Requested (Note: No-Kill Excellence up to a maximum of \$60,000 and not to exceed 10% of operating budget. Save Them All up to a maximum of \$50,000 and not to exceed 10% of operating budget.)
- Will you or a partner organization achieve a 90% rate or higher through this project?
- Lifesaving Gap Population Type(s).
- Lifesaving Programs
- What region is your organization located in?
- Where are your intended impact partners located?
- Impacted Partner (Note: you will need to provide the impacted organizations name)
- Project Summary and Implementation Timeline
- The number of animals impacted by your grant project. (Note: Do not double count animals or estimate indirect impact in your calculations. For example, managing and diverting intakes of 50 cats cannot also be counted as 50 community cat programming.)

Once LOIs have been reviewed, should your project be of further consideration, you'll move onto the second phase where you will be invited to submit a full application for funding consideration.

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## Reporting

Grant recipients will be assigned reports via our **grant management platform**. Emails are sent to the assignee as reports are assigned.

Please read the following reporting requirements carefully as failure to submit timely and accurate reports on the progress of your project can impact the ability to receive future funding.

If the reports should be assigned to someone other than the person who submitted the application, please email **networkgrants@bestfriends.org**.

## Quarterly Reporting

Quarterly reporting requirements include providing the number of impacts (Transfer/Transport, Foster Programming, etc) you have completed with the awarded funds. We also ask you to provide a brief update on how your project is progressing, as well as a story and photo from your project.

- Amount of funding spent through report date
- Impacts depending on project type, attributed to the funds awarded. These include, by species (**see definitions here**):
  - Transfer/Transport
  - Foster Programming
  - Managing and Diverting Intakes
  - Medical Programming
  - Community Cat Programming
  - Pet Retention/Safety Net Programs
  - Return-to-Home Programming
- Is your organization current on their data?
- If you have impacted shelters as part of your grant, to the best of your knowledge are they current on their data?
- Summary of Progress
- Success Story and Photo
- When your grant is complete, you will also be asked to provide:
  - Project Successes
  - Project Challenges
  - Testimonial

We reserve the right to identify additional reporting metrics appropriate to the scope and impact of the project.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is a lifesaving gap?**

**Are projects implemented in and/or impacting U.S. Territories eligible for grant funding?**

**Can I apply for both an STA and NKE grant?**

**Can I apply for a grant if my organization has another grant in progress?**

**How do I know which grant type my organization should apply for?**

**What does it mean get the data for impacted shelter(s) if I'm not the shelter impacted?**

**I have the shelter data. How do I know who to help?**

**Do I have to provide data for both cats and dogs if my project will only impact one of the species?**

**Can I still apply if I'm not able to get an impacted shelter's data?**

## When will grant decisions be announced?

Who can I contact if after reviewing all of the grant information on the website, I still have questions?

## Common Definitions

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