

GRATIOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT ANIMAL WELFARE FUND GRANT AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-392  
ADOPTED MARCH 17, 2026**

WHEREAS Gratiot County Animal Control applied to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) for Animal Welfare Fund grants to increase the capability of on-site sterilization, train personnel authorized by law to enforce state anticruelty laws, and to support the proper care and protection of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws; and

WHEREAS the Animal Control Director submitted grant applications which sought full funding for these programs at a total cost of \$47,737.43; and

WHEREAS on March 4, 2026, MDARD notified Gratiot County that the Animal Welfare Fund offered total grant assistance of \$8,600.00 to offset program costs; and

WHEREAS participation in the Animal Welfare Fund programs is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Gratiot County Animal Control program mission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for an Animal Welfare Fund grant award in the amount of \$8,600.00 covering a performance period from February 1, 2026, to September 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Vice Chairperson to sign any documents necessary to implement this resolution, subject to review as to form by the County Attorney.

The resolution set forth was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

A vote was thereupon taken on the foregoing resolution and the voter for such resolution was as follows:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

A majority of the members-elect having approved such resolution deems the resolution APPROVED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
)ss  
COUNTY OF GRATIOT )

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, that such resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of March 2026, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

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Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

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**Grant Agreement**  
**Regarding the**  
**Animal Welfare Fund**

**Between the**  
**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**  
**and**  
**Gratiot County Animal Control**

## **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Animal Welfare Fund**

By authority granted under Act No. 22 of the Public Acts of 2025, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, (hereinafter the "Grantor") hereby agrees to provide the Gratiot County Animal Control (hereinafter, the "Grantee") with grant assistance subject to the terms and conditions, and limitations as set forth herein.

The maximum amount of grant assistance hereby offered is \$8,600.00  
The grant shall be effective from February 1, 2026 – September 1, 2026.

If the project is not completed in the initial period, a grant extension may be considered by the Grantor. Approval of an extension is not guaranteed and is dependent on the Grantee's compliance with the enclosed Terms and Conditions.

If the Grantee requires an extension, the Grantee must contact the Grant Administrator with an extension request in writing as soon as it is evident an extension is needed and no later than September 1, 2026. By September 15, 2026, any Grantee with an approved extension shall submit an estimated billing for expenditures incurred and not reimbursed for in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Funds will be made available for this program in accordance with the attached Terms and Conditions.

This grant is valid contingent upon the availability of funds. If the Grantor's funds are reduced by the Legislature as part of a budget reduction or reduced for any other reason, this grant may be reduced or canceled.

This grant does not commit the State of Michigan or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to approve requests for additional funds not contained in this grant.

Grantee accepts the grant and agrees that the funds made available through the grant will be used only as set forth herein.

Dated:

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Janice Bunting  
Vice Chairperson  
Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Dated:

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Dr. Jen Calogero  
Division Director  
Animal Industry Division

**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Grant Agreement**

**TITLE:**

Animal Welfare Fund

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

Registration #: 00029  
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Ithaca, MI 48847  
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**SIGMA VENDOR INFORMATION:**

Vendor #: CV0047999  
Terri Ball  
County of Gratiot  
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Ithaca, MI 48847  
Phone: 989-875-5220  
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**GRANT ADMINISTRATOR:**

Kate Turner  
Michigan Department of Agriculture  
and Rural Development  
Animal Industry Division  
P.O. Box 30017  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
Phone: 517-898-4427  
E-Mail: [animalshelters@michigan.gov](mailto:animalshelters@michigan.gov)

**TOTAL AUTHORIZED BUDGET:**

\$8,600.00

**GRANT NUMBER:**

26\*2123

**ACCOUNTING TEMPLATE:**

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## **I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **A. Record Retention**

Grantee shall retain all financial reports, supporting documents and statistical records for a period of seven years after the close of the grant. Grantee shall also require all subcontractors retained for the performance of this grant to retain all financial reports, supporting documents and statistical records for a period of seven years after the close of the grant. The retention period starts from the date of receipt of the Final Report by the Grant Administrator. Examples of documents to be retained might include but are not limited to: original and/or electronic invoices, billings, packing slips, reports, checking account statements, accounts payable records, contracts and sub-contracts.

### **B. Procurement**

The Grantee agrees that all procurement transactions involving the use of funds from this grant shall be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition.

### **C. Grant Changes**

The Grantee must obtain prior written approval for program changes from the Grant Administrator. Grant changes include:

1. Changes in substance in the program activities.
2. Additions or deletions in the project work plan or location.
3. Any single or cumulative change in the budget of 20% or more of the grant amount.

### **D. Regulation Compliance**

The Grantee and Grantee's contractors and subcontractors are responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws and municipal ordinances and regulations that in any manner affect the work or performance of this grant and shall at all times carefully observe and comply with all rules, ordinances and regulations.

### **E. Non-Discrimination Clause**

In the performance of this grant, the Grantee agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, with respect to their hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of the particular job or position. The Grantee further agrees that every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Grant Agreement will contain a provision requiring non-discrimination in employment, as herein specified, that is binding upon each subcontractor. This covenant is required pursuant to the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 *et seq.*, and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, as amended, MCL 37.1101, *et seq.* Any breach of this covenant may be regarded as default under Section P and grounds for cancelling the Grant Agreement.

**F. Unfair Labor Practices**

The Grantee shall abide by Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of 1980, as amended, MCL 423.321 *et seq.*

**G. Liability Insurance**

The Grantee shall provide and maintain insurance in an amount sufficient to protect from claims that may arise out of or result from the Grantee's operations under this grant, or for anyone whose acts they are legally liable.

**H. Indemnification**

Each party to this Grant Agreement must seek its own legal representation and bear its own costs in any litigation that may arise from performance of this grant. It is specifically understood and agreed that neither party will indemnify the other party in such litigation and that each party shall be responsible for any judgments entered against it.

**I. Use of Material**

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Grantee may release information or material developed under this Agreement, provided it is acknowledged that the State funded all or a portion of its development.

The State, and federal awarding agency, if applicable, retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, and use in whole or in part, and authorize others to do so, any copyrightable material or research data submitted under this grant whether or not the material is copyrighted by the Grantee or another person. The Grantee will only submit materials that the State can use in accordance with this paragraph.

**J. Assignability**

The Grantee shall not assign this Agreement or assign or delegate any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement to any other party without the prior written consent of the State. The State does not assume responsibility regarding the contractual relationships between the Grantee and any subcontractor.

**K. Iran Sanctions Act**

By signing this Agreement the Grantee is certifying that it is not an Iran linked business, and that its contractors are not Iran linked businesses, as defined in MCL 129.312.

**L. Subcontracts**

The State reserves the right to deny the use of any consultant, contractor, associate, or other personnel to perform any portion of the project. The Grantee is solely responsible for all contractual activities performed under this Agreement. Further, the State will consider the Grantee to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the anticipated Grant. All subcontractors

used by the Grantee in performing the project shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and shall be qualified to perform the duties required.

**M. Anti-Lobbying**

If all or a portion of this Agreement is funded with federal funds, then in accordance with 2 CFR 200, as appropriate, the Grantee shall comply with the Anti-Lobbying Act, which prohibits the use of all project funds regardless of source, to engage in lobbying the state or federal government or in litigation against the State. Further, the Grantee shall require that the language of this assurance be included in the award documents of all subawards at all tiers.

If all or a portion of this Agreement is funded with state funds, then the Grantee shall not use any of the grant funds awarded in this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying as defined in the State of Michigan's lobbying statute, MCL 4.415(2). "Lobbying" means communicating directly with an official of the executive branch of state government or an official in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action." The Grantee shall not use any of the grant funds awarded in this Agreement for the purpose of litigation against the State. Further, the Grantee shall require that language of this assurance be included in the award documents of all subawards at all tiers.

**N. Conflict of Interest**

No member of the legislative, judicial, or executive branch of state or federal governments or any local unit of government official shall personally benefit from this Grant Agreement. No member of the Grantee's Board of Directors, its employees, partner agencies or their families shall have any personal benefit from this Grant Agreement.

**O. Cancellation**

This Grant Agreement may be canceled by 30 day written notice by either party. If canceled, Grantee must provide a Final Report and invoice within 30 days of cancellation.

Cancellation or reduction of the grant by the Grantor may be for default by the Grantee, lack of further need for the service at the location named in the contract, or conviction of criminal offense(s) as set forth below.

Default is defined as the failure of the Grantee to fulfill the obligations of the Grant Agreement. In case of default by the Grantee, the Grantor may cancel the Grant Agreement immediately and all unused grant funds must be returned by the Grantee immediately. All disallowed costs and overpayments shall also be returned by the Grantee within 30 days of cancellation.

In the event the Grantor no longer needs the service specified in the grant due to department changes, changes in laws, rules or regulations, relocation of offices, or no longer has appropriations to fund the grant, the Grantor may cancel or reduce the grant by giving the Grantee written notice of such cancellation or reduction 30 days prior to the date of cancellation or reduction. All costs incurred by the Grantee between the grant cancellation or reduction notice and the cancellation or reduction date, with the exception

of previously budgeted personnel costs and non-cancelable obligations, must be approved by the Grant Administrator prior to their incurrence. No costs shall be allowed after the grant has been cancelled.

The Grantor may immediately cancel the grant without further liability to the State, its departments, agencies and employees if the Grantee, an officer of the Grantee, or an owner of the Grantee is convicted of a criminal offense incident to the application for or performance of a State, public, or private contract or subcontract; or convicted of a criminal offense including but not limited to any of the following: embezzlement; theft; forgery; bribery; falsification or destruction of records; receiving stolen property; attempting to influence a public employee to breach the ethical conduct standards for State employees; violation of a state or federal antitrust statute; or any other criminal offense which in the sole discretion of the Grantor, reflects on the Grantee's business integrity.

**P. Closeout**

(A) Upon issuance of final payment from the State, the Grantee releases the State of all claims against the State arising under this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or by State law, final payment under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the State's claims against the Grantee.

(B) The Grantee shall immediately refund to the State any payments in excess of the costs allowed by this Agreement.

**Q. Electronic Funds Transfer**

Payments under this Agreement are encouraged to be processed by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The Grantee can register to receive payments by EFT at the SIGMA Vendor Self Service web site ([www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS](http://www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS))

**R. Freedom of Information**

This is a grant from public funds and records associated with it are subject to disclosure under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

## II. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### A. Statement of Purpose

The goal of this program is to support projects that increase the number of shelter dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted in Michigan. Projects could also enhance knowledge and skills of animal control officers and animal shelter personnel involved with enforcement of animal related laws in Michigan as well as projects that serve to educate the public in proper animal care per anticruelty laws and the value of spay neuter. Projects could also support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals, especially those housed for animal neglect or cruelty.

### B. Statement of Work

- a. To increase the number of shelter dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted including the purchase of sterilization equipment and supplies.
- b. To provide training for personnel authorized by law to enforce state anticruelty laws.
- c. To support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws.

### C. Budget

This is a cost reimbursement or deliverable-based grant funded by state or restricted revenue. Reimbursement funding for this project is approved by the Grantor up to and including the following allowance:

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
Outside Spay/Neuter			\$ 5,000
Staff Training			\$ 1,000
Veterinarian fees			\$ 2,600
Total			\$ 8,600

For Deliverable Based grants (media promotion, training program etc), a final copy of the deliverable will be required as part of the Reimbursement Request.

### D. Payment Schedule

Payments will not be made until reports have been received by the Grant Administrator as required in Section II-G. Grantee's invoice must include a reconciliation of actual expenses incurred during the reporting period for reimbursement.

### E. Audit

The project will be subject to audit by the State who may review the adequacy of the financial management/reporting system during or at any time subsequent to the award.

## **F. Reporting**

Final Reimbursement Request: Due no later than September 15, 2026.

Grantee must complete the provided Reimbursement Request as provided by the Grantor for payment. If the provided Reimbursement Request is not used, payment may be delayed or denied.

At a minimum, each report shall contain an invoice and:

- a. A summary and status of the goals and objectives outlined in the proposal.
- b. A financial summary as compared to the budget submitted. Summary must include a reconciliation of actual expenses incurred during the reporting period for reimbursement.

In the event of an extension, by September 15, 2026, Grantee shall submit an estimated billing for expenditures incurred and not reimbursed for in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.