



PHW PET PARTNERS PILOT PROJECT

2026 GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Overview:

In an effort to strengthen public health, safety, and welfare, the Cherokee Nation has established the Public Health and Wellness (PHW) Pet Partners Pilot Project. The PHW Pet Partners Pilot Project provides targeted financial assistance to eligible identified non-profit, no-kill animal rescues and shelters to expand their capacity to address overpopulation of feral domesticated animals, reduce public health risks, and improve community wellness. By investing in coordinated animal welfare strategies and expanding access to spay/neuter and vaccination resources, the PHW Pet Partners program works to improve public health outcomes and enhance the safety, wellness, and quality of life for Cherokee Nation citizens and communities.

Deadline:

The deadline for all applications is **May 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. CST**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Eligibility:

I. Eligible Applicants:

- i. Eligible applicants **must** be located on the Cherokee Nation Reservation or in a contiguous county thereto the Cherokee Nation Reservation.
- ii. Eligible applicants must be an identified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating no-kill animal rescues and/or shelters.
- iii. Ineligible applicants include but are not limited: for-profit entities, local and state agencies, animal rescues/shelter operating a humane euthanasia program.

II. Award Guidelines:

- i. Approved grantee organizations will receive a one-time disbursement via check of up to \$5,000.
- ii. Applicants will be notified of their award status via email. Award notifications will include the approved funding amount and any additional information.

To submit the application or for more information, please email: phwf@cherokee.org

Organization Contact Information

Name:		Title:
Phone:		
Email:		
Alternate Contact:	Phone:	
	Email:	
<i>Public Organization Contact Information</i>		
Phone:		
Email:		

Grantee Organization Information

Organization Name:	
Type of Organization:	Cherokee Nation District(s) Served:
Physical Address (City, State, and Zip):	
Mailing Address (City, State, and Zip):	
Federal EIN (Employer Identification Number):	
Tax Status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Other (please specify):	

Grant Program Requirements:

- Eligible organizations **must be** a non-profit operating a no-kill animal rescue or shelter.
- Funds from this grant **must be** applied towards offsetting the cost of rehoming, spay/neuter and vaccine costs.
- Funds from this grant **may not** be used for capital projects or for operational expenses that are not directly tied to rehoming activities or the spay/neuter and vaccination of rescued animals, including but not limited to staffing costs or facility expenses.
- Receipt of funding through the PHW Pet Partners Pilot Program does not preclude the grantee organization from receiving additional support from Cherokee Nation, if eligible.

Application Requirements:

- I. Application must be submitted via email to phwf@cherokee.org by the deadline of **May 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. CST** with all required attachments completed and signed, as applicable.
 - i. Required Attachments:
 1. Attachment A: W-9 dated within the calendar year **OR** Cherokee Nation W-9 form
 2. Attachment B (if applicable): Disclosure of any existing employment or contractual agreements between an executive or governing board member of the applicant and Cherokee Nation or any of its entities or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

Signature Page to Follow

Certification and Authorization

Grantee Organization

I hereby certify that:

- *The information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*
- *My organization meets the eligibility criteria for the PHW Pet Partners Pilot Program per the eligibility and policy requirements.*
- *If awarded, my organization agrees to comply with all program requirements and grant administration guidelines.*
- *My organization agrees to retain all relevant financial and programmatic records for audit or review purposes, in accordance with grant requirements, and to provide the Cherokee Nation with any requested documentation related to the use of grant funds.*
- *I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee funding through PHW Pet Partners Pilot Program.*
- *If awarded a grant, my organization agrees to abide by all terms and conditions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by the Cherokee Nation.*

Grantee Organization Signature Date

Printed Name Title

Please submit your completed application with all required attachments to:
phwf@cherokee.org

For Cherokee Nation Internal Use Only:

Amount Approved: _____ **Date Processed:** _____

Executive Administration Date

Janees Taylor, Treasurer Date

Processor: _____