



Good Husbandry Grant Guidelines

The *Animal Welfare Approved* program is making available project grants of up to \$10,000 for the sole purpose of improving animal welfare on farms of current *Animal Welfare Approved* farmers or those who have completed an application to join the program. Each farm may submit a proposal for one or two different projects, for a total maximum grant of \$10,000. Grants will be awarded based upon projects' potential to deliver the greatest benefit to farm animals. This determination will be made by the review panel.

Specific terms and conditions:

Purpose: Grants allocated under the *Animal Welfare Approved* program must be used solely to improve the welfare of farm animals. Preference will be given to project proposals with the greatest potential impact for improving the welfare of farm animals, by affecting the largest number of animals, and/or resulting in the most significant increase in welfare benefits. Proposals which seek means to revolutionize practices that ultimately can be applied on other farms will receive partiality.

Eligibility: Only farms currently approved by audit to use the *Animal Welfare Approved* seal or farms that have an application pending to be in the *Animal Welfare Approved* program prior to October 15, 2008, are eligible to receive a grant.

Grant amounts: Each farm may apply for one or two projects for a maximum of \$10,000 per farm applicant.

Eligible projects: Examples of eligible projects are those that will improve the welfare of farm animals and include but are not limited to: conversion of buildings; fencing and paddock division; silviculture; improvement of water services; mobile housing; development of farm plans including farm health visits from a recognized practitioner; alternative identification methods; alternative genetics; innovative chick transportation; or improvements in slaughter process and/or equipment.

Eligible inputs costs: Examples of eligible input costs are those that will improve the welfare of farm animals and include but are not limited to: design fees; contractor costs (skilled labor only—i.e., an electrician or plumber); materials; slaughter equipment; new mobile housing; or incubators.

Ineligible projects and inputs: Examples of projects and inputs which would be considered ineligible include: farm labor; general farm expenses; taxes; feed; maintenance; projects not directly related to the farm applicant; and projects or inputs outside of the grant's stated purpose.



Application and budget: Project proposals will only be considered if presented on the *Animal Welfare Approved* grant application form. This form is available on the *Animal Welfare Approved* website (www.animalwelfareapproved.org) or can be requested by contacting the main office at (703) 836-4300. The grant application form includes a section for the proposed budget; please fill this out as accurately and completely as possible. Please observe all instructions when completing the form and be advised that the form must be accompanied by sufficient evidence that the proposed project can improve animal welfare. Assistance in completing the form can be obtained by contacting Emily Lancaster at (emily@animalwelfareapproved.org).

Closing date for applications: Applications should be mailed to the Animal Welfare Approved program, P.O. Box 3650, Washington, D.C. 20027 and must be postmarked by no later than October 15, 2008. Applications may also be faxed to the attention of Julie Munk at (703) 836-4300 or e-mailed to her at (julie@animalwelfareapproved.org) on or before October 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility as they are received. Any applications which are deemed to be ineligible will be destroyed by shredding.

Notification of the panel's decision: All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application within 60 days of the closing date.

Appeals: The panels' decisions are final, and there will be no right of appeal.

Issuance of funds: The applicant will be required to confirm acceptance and agree in writing to the start and finish date for the project. Upon confirmation, a check for 85% of the total funds granted will be issued to the applicant/grantee. Upon receipt of records establishing the project's completion, the remaining 15% of granted funds will be issued by check to the applicant/grantee. The completion date of a project may be extended if unforeseen circumstances affect timely completion. In the event that this occurs, it is the responsibility of the applicant/grantee to provide a written request to the *Animal Welfare Approved* program. Upon the receipt of such a request, the review panel will determine whether an extension should be granted and the timeframe of any such extension. The applicant assumes all tax liability.

Project completion: Records of completion, including photographs, shall be made available to the *Animal Welfare Approved* program on or before the agreed upon completion date. If the project is not completed on or before the agreed upon date, the grant funds must be returned to the *Animal Welfare Approved* program by the applicant/grantee within thirty days after this date.

Reservation of Rights: The *Animal Welfare Approved* program reserves the right to:

1. Use any part of a successful application, the project records and completion information to promote the *Animal Welfare Approved* program and the grant process.



2. Obtain access to the project (on a date and at a time as agreed to by the grantee) for the purposes of satisfying the review panel that the project is proceeding as planned and/or complete, or for obtaining media materials to use for educational or publicity purposes.
3. Withhold/reclaim funds if it determines that the project is not being completed consistent with the initial proposal submitted, the guidelines stated herein and the mission of the *Animal Welfare Approved* program.

Media and publicity: All media contact regarding the grant must be referred to Beth Hauptle at beth@animalwelfareapproved.org.

By submitting an application for a grant, the applicant accepts the statements, terms and conditions herein, and specifically agrees to be bound by them. The applicant further agrees that the panel's decisions in all matters relating to the applicant's eligibility, project proposal, and any other matter that may arise as a result of the application process are final and no right of appeal or right to challenge exists. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gunther
Program Director