



Agriculture and Markets

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RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner

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Dear Animal Sheltering Community Member:

I'm pleased to announce that \$5 million is now available to eligible shelters through the Companion Animal Capital Fund, created by the Governor and the Legislature. This fund enables eligible organizations to upgrade their facilities to promote better animal care and health and to facilitate pet adoptions. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets invites you to apply for grant funding from the Companion Animal Capital Fund. Eligible applicants include incorporated not-for-profit pounds, shelters, and humane societies that are operated by or under contact with a municipality.

Organizations must be pre-qualified to apply. For more details on eligibility and the application process, please find application instructions on the Division of Animal Industry website at https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/small_animals.html. After becoming pre-qualified, an organization must submit its proposal through the New York State Grants Gateway by **January 10, 2018**.

Please submit questions to Alexandra Chiusano at Alexandra.Chiusano@agriculture.ny.gov. We look forward to seeing the positive changes made for the better care of our beloved companion animals.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Ball
Commissioner