



Department of
Agriculture and Markets

COMPANION ANIMAL CAPITAL FUND

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WHAT IS THE COMPANION ANIMAL GRANT?

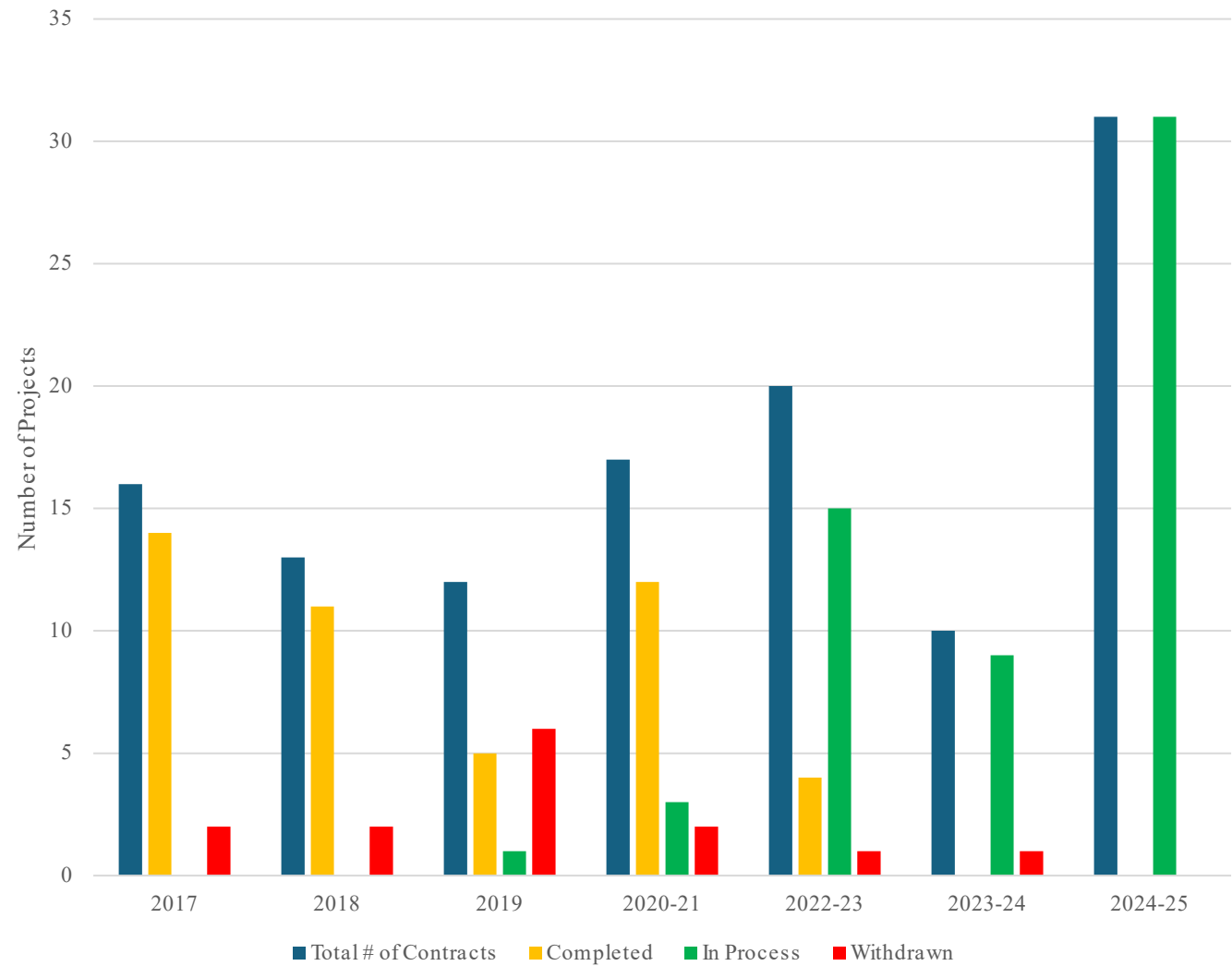
The grant program was developed in 2017, before Article 26-C was written by legislature.

The grant's purpose was to subsidize and assist shelters with upgrading their aging/dilapidating buildings.



GRANT STATISTICS

Companion Animal Capital Fund 2017-2025



From the onset of the grant initiative, we saw interest, however once it became clear that Article 26-C will become a reality, more rescues and shelters applied.

The grant award amounts also begin to grow from 5 million to 10 Million, respectively. Shelters/ rescues begin to understand how the grant can help.

COMPANION ANIMAL GRANT FUND'S AWARDED

2020/21 \$ 2.8 Million

2023/24 \$ 3.5 Million

2025 \$ 8.9 Million



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RFP0388

Statewide Financial System Event ID # CACF8

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

for the

**2025-2026 NEW YORK STATE
COMPANION ANIMAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

*Competitive Grants to Municipal and Incorporated Not-for-Profit
Pounds, Shelters Humane Societies, and Rescue Facilities*

RFP Posted	November 3, 2025
Questions Due	December 1, 2025
Final Answers Posted	December 5, 2025
Proposals Due	January 30, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Tentative Award Date	March 3, 2026
Tentative Contract Start Date	July 1, 2026

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RFP=Request for Proposal

WHO CAN APPLY?

- There is no limit to how many times an organization can apply, however...
 - They cannot apply if they have an ongoing contract.
 - The grant can only be given to entities that own their own land ie: DCO's can't apply, but municipalities can.
 - Grants will also not be offered to shelters existing on personal property.

STEPS:

1. Submit Proposal by 4PM January 30th, 2026
2. Proposals are evaluated and scored based on: Need Assessment (48 points) • Project Description/Work Plan (27 points) • Reasonableness of Cost (20 points)
3. Funds are awarded- Tentatively March 3, 2026
4. Contract must be approved by OSC- Tentatively July 1, 2026
5. Contractor can request initial payment of up to 25% of total grant award (Remaining funds distributed on reimbursement basis)
6. Awardees submit quarterly briefs and reimbursement report requests
7. Awardees are required to submit a final report- up to 3 years to complete

FINAL VISITS

- Meet the Agriculture and Markets staff you have been working with
- Give staff a tour of the facility
- Staff will take pictures of the things the grant paid for (that were built or repaired)
- Staff may offer professional opinion on what they can do to make their shelter even better for future opportunities.



LAST GRANT ROUND NUMBERS

56 Applicants

31 Awarded

\$10 million divided into \$6 million, designated for municipalities. Remaining \$4 million was designated to what's described in the RFP as “under-served rescues and shelters”. These are non-municipal entities.

\$17.4 Million was requested!

For municipalities, the department funded 8.9 Million dollars

QUESTIONS?



Link to grant application:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>

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