



2025/2026

TSAG Animals and Human Health Innovative Project Opportunity

Applications are now OPEN. Please apply using this form. Please email animals@tsag.net

OVERVIEW

First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group Inc. (TSAG) in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), is looking to fund innovative projects that are supporting animals and human health initiatives in First Nations Communities located in Alberta. These projects ensure that animals are well-cared for, are treated with respect and support the health and safety of community members.

This opportunity to support these projects will improve the lives of animals by affecting change and place a priority on respecting the physical, psychological and behavioral needs of animals in the community while at the same time promoting healthier and safer interactions with community members.

TSAG seeking recognize and award First Nations making a positive change in animal welfare and safety in First Nations communities in Alberta. The applicants can apply for a grant of up to \$15,000. A selection criteria/scoring matrix will be used by a panel of health and animal welfare experts to ensure consistent eligibility and consideration for all applications.

WHAT WE FUND

TSAG will fund projects that are innovative, educational and have public outreach/awareness that promote safer animal and human interaction in the First Nations communities within Alberta.

Projects can include private partnerships, animal control campaigns (clinics), educational activities, partnering with local schools (NAIT/SAIT), organizations or pet rescues, etc.

Preference and priority will be given to those communities that have not hosted a Spay and Neuter Clinic with the Canadian Animal Task Force (CATF).

Projects should be **completed by June 30, 2026**.

Project outcomes should

- improve and advance animal welfare in the communities
- improve community practices or policies or bylaws
- increase public awareness
- increase public safety in relation to animals
- engage in key animal welfare issues and solutions

WHAT WE DO NOT FUND

- For profit organizations
- Fundraising events
- Bursaries or scholarships
- Capital expenses or building/shelter infrastructure
- Financial costs (debt reduction or mortgage payments)
- Research initiatives

If your project requests funds for any of these items above, you may not be considered for the grant. If you are unsure about whether to submit a project proposal that includes the above due to your particular situation, please email animals@tsag.net and we will let you know if your project qualifies.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: Feb 15, 2026

Notification of Decision: March 1, 2026

Funds Disbursed less 20%: March 16, 2026

Final Report Due: June 30, 2026

Remaining 20% of funds: July 15, 2026

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are invited to submit a Project Proposal to animals@tsag.net using this template by **February 15, 2026**.

All applicants will be notified by **March 1, 2026**. Cheques or e-transfer will be sent to successful applicants by March 15, 2026. There will be a **hold of 20%** of the grant amount until a final project report is submitted to animals@tsag.net by email. Final reports are due June 30, 2026. Remaining funds will be sent by July 15, 2026 once final report reviewed.

You must submit a letter of support from the Chief or a Council member from the community where the activities will take place.

SECTION ONE – ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION/CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

First Nation where project is being delivered: _____

First Nation Contact: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

This is the person that we will reach out to regarding your project application.

Project Application Contact: _____

Project Application Email: _____

Organization Overview: (Maximum 900 characters)

SECTION TWO – PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project Title: _____

Total amount requested from TSAG in CAD (Maximum \$15,000): _____

Grant Purpose:

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Awareness/ Public Outreach
- ☐ Policies/Bylaws
- ☐ Animal welfare

Outline of Project

Please describe your proposed project in detail. Your response should include the following:

- What are you trying to accomplish with this project?
- What will you do, and how will you do it?
- What is your overall project timeline, including milestones?
- How will the funds provided by TSAG be used for the project?

Maximum 3000 characters

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Impact of project on animal welfare and human health

Explain the anticipated impact of your project on animal welfare. Your response should address the following:

- How will your project improve the welfare of animals?
- How your project will improve the health and safety of community members as it relates to animal-human interactions (ie reduce animal bites and physical injuries, reduce risk of disease etc)
- Which animals, communities or organizations will be impacted?
- How will you share your learnings to help advance animal welfare and community health across your community, Alberta?

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☐ Please confirm that all information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate.

☐ **You must submit a letter of support from the Chief or a Council member from the community where the activities will take place.**

Signature:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the project eligibility proposal. We appreciate your interest in our funding opportunity.

Please note that there is a selection process and an established scoring matrix has been set up to use for all applications. This means that even if your project is of high quality, it may not be successful if other submissions demonstrate a stronger impact on animal welfare and community safety within a First Nation.

We will contact you to inform you of the grant committee's decision, whether positive or negative.

Thank you again for your interest. We wish you all the best and the best of luck with your project.

Once you submit your form, you will receive a confirmation email with a copy of your responses. This confirms that your project proposal has been received. Please allow at least 24 hours for email to arrive, if you do not receive it, contact us at animals@tsag.net.