



2026/2027

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 is seeking to recognize and award First Nations making a positive change in animal welfare, positive human impact 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).

Applications close July 31, 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
- have a positive impact on human health in community

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: July 31, 2026

Notification of Decision: August 31, 2026

Funds Disbursed less 20%: by September 15, 2026

Projects activities should end by Jan 30th, 2027

Final Report Due: Feb 28, 2027

Remaining 20% of funds: by Mar 20, 2027

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are invited to submit a Project Proposal to animals@tsag.net using this template by **July 31, 2026**.

All applicants will be notified by August 31, 2026. Cheques or e-transfer will be sent to successful applicants by September 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 February 28, 2027. Remaining funds will be sent by March 20, 2026 once final report is 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 please check all that apply to your project:

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

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 the 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.