



2011 Good Husbandry Grant Guidelines

The Animal Welfare Approved program is making available grants for the sole purpose of improving animal welfare for Animal Welfare Approved farms, farms that have completed an application to join the program or slaughter plants that are working with an AWA farm and/or have consented to be reviewed by AWA. Each farm applicant may submit a proposal for one project requesting a maximum grant of \$5,000.

Grants will be awarded based upon each project's potential to deliver the greatest benefit to farm animals. This determination will be made by the Animal Welfare Approved grant 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. Priority 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. Priority will also be given to proposals which develop innovative practices that can ultimately be applied on other operations.

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 on or before October 1, 2010, are eligible to receive a grant. Slaughter plants working with or seeking to work with AWA farmers are also eligible to apply, as long as the plant has been reviewed or consents to a review. Anyone who has been convicted of animal abuse may not apply. In the case of a pending court decision, any granted funds will be held until applicant/grantee is exonerated. Closely related operations may be treated as a single operation at the discretion of the review panel.

Compliance: The species for which the grant applies must be compliant with the corresponding Animal Welfare Approved standards by the end of the grant period (November 30, 2011). Slaughter plants must be reviewed by AWA before the end of the grant period.

Grant amounts: Each farm may only apply for one project for a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant. All slaughter plants must contact Emily Lancaster (Emily@AnimalWelfareApproved.org or 919.428.1641) to discuss project budgets. Please be aware that all applications will be evaluated on a realistic budget and that all expenses must be justifiable.

Eligible projects: Proposals which address the following welfare challenges will be given preference (listed in order of priority):

1. Genetics (specifically poultry, hog, dairy, other ruminants – listed in order of priority), with priority given to projects which share genetics among multiple farms



2. Outdoor access (specifically mobile housing)

3. Welfare improvements in the slaughter process

4. Non-lethal predator control and/or exclusion and/or other innovative projects that improve the welfare of animals

Eligible input 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. Travel costs will not be reimbursed.

Ineligible projects and inputs: Examples of projects and inputs which would be considered ineligible include: farm labor; general farm expenses such as taxes, on-farm tools/machinery, feed or maintenance; projects not directly related to the farm applicant; and projects or inputs outside of the grant's stated purpose. Animal Welfare Approved does not reimburse sales tax.

Application and budget: Project proposals will only be considered if presented on the Animal Welfare Approved grant application form, available on the AWA website (www.AnimalWelfareApproved.org). There are separate applications for farms and processors; please use the appropriate form for your operation. The grant application form includes a section for the proposed budget; please fill this out as accurately and completely as possible and include all requested documentation. 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) or (919) 428-1641.

Closing date for applications: Applicants must mail the original application plus five (5) copies to the address specified on the application, **postmarked no later than October 1, 2010**. If providing copies presents a challenge please contact Emily Lancaster using the contact information above. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility as they are received.

Notification of the panel's decision: All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application by December 1, 2010. Unselected proposals will not be shared externally, in accordance with Animal Welfare Approved's strict confidentiality protocol.

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

Issuance of funds: Upon selection, applicants/grantees will be notified and sent a written Letter of Understanding (LOU) detailing the terms of the grant. To accept the grant, applicants/grantees must sign and return the LOU, postmarked **no later than December 10, 2010**. Failure to submit the LOU by this date may be seen as a forfeiture of funds. When Animal Welfare Approved receives the signed LOU, a check for 80% of the total funds granted will be issued to the applicant/grantee. Upon receiving records of completion from the applicant/grantee, the remaining 20% of granted funds will be issued by check to the applicant/grantee. All



funds will be disbursed during the 2011 calendar year and the applicant/grantee assumes all tax liability.

Project completion: Records of completion, including photographs, shall be made available to the Animal Welfare Approved program before the end of the grant period (November 30, 2011). If the project is not completed, the grant funds must be returned to the Animal Welfare Approved program by the applicant/grantee within thirty days after this date. In the event that unforeseen circumstances affect timely completion it is the responsibility of the applicant/grantee to provide a written request for an extension or project modification to the Animal Welfare Approved program. **Failure to meet this requirement may result in grant funds being reclaimed.** Upon the receipt of a request for extension and/or project modification, the review panel will determine whether one should be granted and the time frame of any such extension and/or project modification. If the requested extension and/or modification is not granted, any remaining funds must be returned within 30 days.

Withdrawal of Farmer Application or Refusal of Plant Review: If a grant applicant's Animal Welfare Approved Farm Application is withdrawn, that farm will be ineligible for grant funds for a period of two years. Slaughter plants declining to be reviewed will also be ineligible for grant funds for a period of two years.

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 in a manner 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