



Ketchikan Humane Society
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Members of the Assembly
Ketchikan Gateway Borough
1900 First Avenue
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Dear Assembly Members,

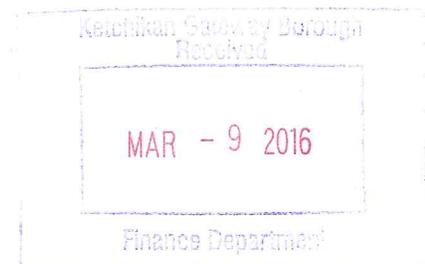
In 2012 the Ketchikan Humane Society implemented two new spay/neuter programs, with the goal of decreasing the numbers of unwanted animals in our community. In our low-cost program, pet owners contribute \$40 toward the cost of a spay or neuter procedure, with the KHS picking up the balance of the cost. In the community cat (feral cat) program, local colonies are trapped, altered, and vaccinated free of charge so long as they have a known caregiver. In the past four years, we have altered over 450 dogs and cats through these programs. These program cost \$6,500 annually. Demand for these services has increased and we expect the program to cost us at least that much over the next year.

For many years, the Borough's Department of Animal Protection euthanized three to four hundred dogs and cats per year, at substantial cost to the Borough. Last year, due in part to our programs, the shelter euthanized only 14% of its intake, or 67 animals. All of these were ill or intractable animals which could not be adopted. This is an all-time low and demonstrates the progress being made in controlling the numbers of unwanted animals in our community.

Your past generosity has made it possible for the Ketchikan Humane Society to continue offering these much-needed programs to our community. We would appreciate being considered again when you meet to discuss the distribution of grant monies.

Sincerely,

Heather Muench
Treasurer
Ketchikan Humane Society





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GRANT REQUEST

Amount requested: \$3,811

- Other Financial Commitments (total in-kind/cash match, other agency funds, etc.): None.
- Other Funds Required: \$5,000 from KHS donations

Program/project title: Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and Free Feral Cat Altering/Rabies Vaccination Program

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Organization name: Ketchikan Humane Society

Address: 228 Martin Street

City: Ketchikan

State: Alaska

Zip: 99901

Telephone: 907-821-0274

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Executive director: Kim Whalen, President

Telephone: 907-617-8222

Name of contact person: Heather Meunch **Title:** Treasurer

Telephone: 907-821-0274

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Total organization budget for current year: \$40,000

Date of incorporation: 2001

Is your organization tax exempt under section 501(c) (3) or other sections? If no explain:

Yes. 92-0175795.



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Which of the following Ketchikan Gateway Borough areawide powers does your project address (check one)?

- Economic Development Recreation
 Transportation Education
 Other (specify) **See Attached.**

Staff composition in numbers

Paid full-time: None.
Paid part-time: None.
Volunteer: 40+
Interns: None.
Other: As Needed

Total: 40+.

Detail the purpose(s) of your request with justification and explanation

(For the following, use additional pages as needed)

The Ketchikan Humane Society's low-cost spay/neuter and free feral cat altering and vaccination programs have helped many of Ketchikan's low-income citizens afford the costs of altering their animals. Prior to our involvement in these programs, the Borough spent tens of thousands of dollars every year collecting, feeding, housing, medicating and euthanizing the excess animals produced by unaltered pets.

Because we offer these lo-cost programs, the costs to the Borough's taxpayers are significantly reduced, and there are fewer unwanted animals roaming the streets. For example, Creek Street, a popular tourist attraction, has seen a reduction in feral cat activity. No tourist wants to look over the Stedman Street bridge to see kittens struggling in the water. We hope that by providing alteration and vaccination services to homeless animals and to those owned by people of reduced circumstances, Ketchikan's streets will be cleaner, its citizens safer, and its taxpayers happier.



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Statement of measurable goals and objectives of project(s) or program(s):

Since the K.H.S. began providing these services in 2012, the Borough shelter's euthanasia rate, which cost the Borough taxpayers considerable sums, has dropped from 400-600 animals per year to fewer than 100 in calendar year 2015.

Are there other projects related to or dependent on this project? Is this project dependent on other activities or actions? If yes, describe projects, actions or activities specifying phases where appropriate.

Low-cost spay/neuter is not dependent on any KHS or Borough project.

Discuss project management and qualifications.

Low-cost spay/neuter services reduce the numbers of unwanted animals abandoned on our streets and byways. This further reduces the cost to operating the shelter to Borough taxpayers. Tied to this effort is the benefit of reducing the numbers of unwanted cats dumped, which are prolific breeders and which form colonies. We have begun a feral cat Trap/Alter/Release program to help combat this problem.

Feral Cat T/A/R: The Ketchikan Humane Society, upon request, provides traps, then alters, vaccinates for rabies, and releases feral cats with known caregivers. There are several colonies of feral cats on our island, which are fed by neighbors who cannot bear to watch dumped and abandoned cats starve to death. The food provided gives the cats enough nutrition to reproduce. Altering and releasing these cats back to their colonies keeps new cats out of the colony, keeps the population from increasing, and eventually the colony disappears. In the Creek Street area, a feral colony which does not reproduce also provides rodent control in a high-traffic tourist area.



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- What state and/or federal compliance requirements will this project satisfy or correct?
- How will the project improve the economic environment?

Ketchikan depends on tourist dollars to sustain our economy. Visitors do not want to be subjected to the sights, sounds, and smells of a community overrun by stray dogs and cats. Neither do they want to lean over the bridge at Creek Street and see tiny kittens being carried away in the water. More than one Ketchikan rescue group has been contacted by passers-by frantically asking for help with this scenario. In 2015 in Saxman, another high-traffic tourist location, two unwanted kittens which had been stuffed under a log on the beach were netted from the water by a local resident who happened to hear their cries. This is not a picture Ketchikan wants to present to visitors.

Every animal we alter saves the Borough money in shelter costs.

Budget for KHS 2016 Programs:

KHS Foster animals Veterinary Care:	\$25,000
Low Cost Feral Cat altering:	\$ 6,500
Senior Food purchases:	\$4,500
Foster Food and supplies	\$5,000
Animal acquisition and transportation:	\$1,000
Office/phone	\$1,500
Fundraising expenses:	\$3,000

Income:

Funds on hand 1-1-16	\$63,179.36
Estimated donations:	\$28,000
Estimated Adoption fees	\$7,000

Annual Salary of Executive Director: We have no paid employees.

We have no contractors.

Proposed Budget for Low Cost/feral Cat Programs:

Based on past years expenses for these tow program, we expect the cost for 2016 will be \$6,500. These funds will provide the veterinary services to spay/neuter either feral cats or family pets for people who need help altering their animals.

Other Funding Agencies:

We receive funds from the State of Alaska Pick/Click/Give Program

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Ketchikan Humane Society 1/21/16 Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Whalen at 5:30pm

Present were: Kim Whalen, Michele Jackson, Suzan Thompson, Heather Muench, Marna Hall, Steve Shern, Cindy Hoggard, Kasha Polanski, and Debbie Taggart.

1. Discussion was held to keep Officers the same as last year. Kim Whalen, President; Michele Jackson VP; Suzan Thompson, Secretary; and Heather Muench, Treasurer.
2. Discussion about where the tag machine and copier should be housed. Decided to keep tag machine at Cindy's house with taking it to Heather's when Cindy is out of town. The copier will remain at Michele's.
3. Decided to file for 2017 Pick/Click/Give and file for a KGB Borough grant of \$3811, which was the same amount given last year. Kasia volunteered to update the KHS bio on the PickClickGive website. Suzan and Heather will work on KGB grant request. Kim will work on Community Foundation Grant request.
4. Discussed alternate fundraising ideas and decided we will have our annual fall auction event at the Ted Ferry Civic Center and apply for both food and alcohol permits. Scheduling this event will be dependent on reserving the TFCC. Suzan will check on the available dates.
5. There was a lengthy discussion about the amount of KHS work being done by two board members and what jobs can be shared by other board members. It was decided that review of adoption applications, low cost applications, senior food project, A&P receipts processing and fund raising would be handled by other board members.

All items were passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

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Attachments: *(Please attach in order listed below)*

Cover letter

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Finances

- Audited financial statement for the last fiscal year, if available, or form 990.
- The current year operating budget - to include your project expenses and revenues.
- Annual Salary for Executive Director
- List all contractors that are expected to be paid more than \$2,500 per year, and purpose for payment.
- List any funding paid to organizations or entities outside the corporate boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, including parent organizations, and the purpose for payments.
- A proposed program budget (with narrative)
- A list of other agencies that funded your organization in the last fiscal year, including amounts contributed.
- What is the annual cost and long-term operation and maintenance costs of this project? Provide backup material.
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Other Supporting Materials

- A verification of the organization's or fiscal agent's tax-exempt status under section (c) 3 of the IRS code.
- A current list of the governing board.
- Letters of support, Resolutions, and/or reviews (if applicable).