

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1046

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to animals; creating the Oklahoma
9 Spay and Neuter Grant Program; providing the Oklahoma
10 Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry will
11 oversee the program; providing purpose of program;
12 providing Department shall award grants based upon
13 recommendation of the Spay and Neuter Grant Program
14 Advisory Board; providing Board membership;
15 prohibiting compensation for Board members; providing
for travel expenses; providing role of Board;
providing who may seek a grant; providing competitive
grant proposal requirements; providing for review of
competitive grant proposals; providing for
promulgation of rules; making appropriations;
providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901 of Title 4, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant
2 Program which shall be overseen and carried out by the Oklahoma
3 Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

4 B. The purpose of this program is to reduce animal shelter
5 overpopulation and cat and dog euthanasia rates by financing grants
6 to local governments and animal welfare organizations for programs
7 that most efficiently and effectively facilitate and promote the
8 provision of spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in the
9 state.

10 C. Grants shall be awarded by the Department based upon the
11 recommendation of the of the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program
12 Advisory Board.

13 D. The Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program Advisory Board
14 shall consist of:

15 1. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, or his
16 or her designee; and

17 2. The following members, who shall be appointed by the
18 Commissioner Agriculture, Food and Forestry:

- 19 a. one representative of a private animal shelter located
20 in Oklahoma,
21 b. one Oklahoma veterinarian,
22 c. one representative of an Oklahoma animal control
23 agency, and

1 d. two representatives of animal welfare advocacy
2 organizations.

3 E. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Forestry shall
4 designate the chair of the Board.

5 F. Members of the Board:

6 1. May not receive compensation as a member of the Board; and
7 2. Are entitled to reimbursement for expenses related to
8 travel.

9 G. The Board shall advise the Department with respect to:

10 1. The administration of the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant
11 Program;

12 2. The solicitation and evaluation of competitive grant
13 proposals;

14 3. The creation of additional standards for grant proposals;

15 4. Additional relevant data that the Department should require
16 from local animal shelters and appropriate animal control
17 organizations; and

18 5. Any other appropriate matter with respect to the
19 implementation of this program in the discretion of the Department.

20 H. Grants may be sought by local governments or animal welfare
21 organizations to facilitate and promote the provisions of spay and
22 neuter services for cats and dogs by submitting a competitive grant
23 proposal to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and
24 Forestry.

1 I. A competitive grant proposal:

2 1. Shall target low-income communities and populations to the
3 maximum extent possible and detail how that goal is to be
4 accomplished;

5 2. May target feral cat populations if the Department
6 determines that this targeting does not violate local law;

7 3. Shall efficiently and effectively facilitate and promote the
8 provisions of spay and neuter services for cats and dogs; and

9 4. May include public education and outreach components.

10 J. The Department shall evaluate a competitive grant proposal
11 based on:

12 1. The standards established under subsection I of this
13 section; and

14 2. Any additional standards the Department promulgates by rule
15 consistent with this section.

16 K. The Department shall promulgate rules to promulgate this act
17 which shall include requiring a grant recipient to report relevant
18 information on how the grant was used, including data on the number
19 and type of spay or neuter surgeries performed and a description of
20 any public education and outreach implemented.

21 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma
22 Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry from any monies not
23 otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State
24 Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of Zero
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1 Dollars (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to implement
2 the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program, as authorized by Section
3 1 of this act.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.
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