**Animal-Kind International**

Africa & Latin America/Caribbean 2025 Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program FAQs

# **AKI Background**

Animal-Kind International is a US-based organization that raises funds for Animal Welfare, Rescue, and Protection Organizations in resource-poor countries. We provide two categories of support: 1) **AKI Partner Organizations** receive ongoing funding that typically covers the costs to operate shelters/sanctuaries for cats and dogs, community animal care clinics, street cat and dog care, spay/neuter programs, programs for working and abandoned donkeys and horses, and humane education in schools and communities; and 2) **AKI Grantees** receive funding based on submission of a successful proposal, as described below. (In addition, see more here, https://www.animal-kind.org/about)

**AKI Grant Program**

AKI’s 2025 Africa & LAC Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program, AKI’s 8th annual grant program, is intended to assist effective Africa & LAC-based organizations, beyond our Partner Organizations, implement high impact activities aimed at improving the lives of domestic animals. **This is the 1st year that we’ve expanded our grant program to the LAC region. For this 1st year pilot program, we will accept proposals from LAC organizations BY INVITATION ONLY.**

## **Q: Who can apply for a grant?**

Animal welfare organizations that are based in Africa, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, **have been operating for at least 3 years in the animal welfare sector, and whose main goal is to improve the lives of domestic animals in their community**, are eligible to apply. The organization must be able to demonstrate that they are **currently actively engaged** in their communities to improve the lives of animals. They must be registered in their country of operation as an NGO, charity, non-profit, or similar. Universities, churches, church groups, 501(c)(3) organizations, organizations working under a 501(c)(3) umbrella, organizations registered in the EU or UK, or with an “arm” outside of Africa or LAC are not eligible.

## **Q: How can an organization apply?**

Organizations interested in applying for an AKI grant should submit a complete application between May 25 and June 22, 2025 (midnight GMT deadline). We will not accept proposals submitted prior to May 25, 2025. To be considered eligible, all required documentation must be received by midnight GMT on June 22, 2025. **We will not accept AI-generated or AI-assisted applications** nor will we review incomplete applications. **We will send an email acknowledging receipt of all proposals. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within five days of submission of your application, you should notify AKI at the email address in the application.**

## **Q: What types of projects do you fund?**

We fund projects that benefit cats, dogs, donkeys, and/or horses (secondarily, we will consider projects that benefit cattle, goats, sheep, chickens, and pigs). To learn about the types of projects we are interested in and have funded in the past, we strongly recommend that you review grant project descriptions and reports (AKI Blog posts) from previous years, all of which are available on the AKI website. **We especially like innovative proposals with out-of-the-box thinking** with activities that could be models for other animal welfare organizations.

**Q. Are there any common components of an animal welfare project that AKI won’t fund?**

Although this list is not inclusive, components that we wouldn’t fund include website development; capacity building, professional development, or workshops **for staff;** political activities; religious activities that do not directly benefit animals; and the grantee’s administrative costs, such as reporting, monitoring, audits, and salaries for administrative staff.

**Q: What is the time-period of the grant?**

All grant projects must be completed within six months from receipt of grant funds. A grant project may run from one month to the full six months.

## **Q: Do you accept photos and videos as part of a proposal application?**

We accept photos only, but they should be specific to the proposed project, and they must be well-labelled and sent as jpeg email attachments. Photos are not a substitute for a well-conceived, written proposal and should be used only to support the written application.

## **Q: Do you fund projects in the U.S. or other regions?**

We only fund projects from Africa- and Latin America/Caribbean-based organizations for projects in Africa and the LAC region and not from organizations based in countries outside of these regions nor for projects outside these regions.

## **Q: How much funding does AKI provide?**

For previous grantees who have successfully completed their AKI-funded grant, the budget ceiling is US$3000. For those who have not received an AKI grant previously, the ceiling is US$2000. However, we have a limited budget for our grant program, and we want to award as many grants as possible, so please keep that in mind when developing your proposal and budget. **Rather than submitting a budget for the maximum amount, submit a cost-effective and impactful proposal --and then budget for that.**

## **Q: If we are successful and are awarded a grant, what type of grant reporting is expected of us?**

Applicants to our grant program must identify an individual responsible for grant reports. That person must have the capacity to write, in English, a detailed, accurate report with pictures and receipts, as required in the template. Successful applicants are required to sign a Grant Agreement, which includes specific requirements for reporting. Grantees are required to:

**-Submit Monthly Grant Reports** for the life of the grant project and a **Final Grant Report** upon completion. We will provide successful applicants with the report templates.

**-Post about their AKI grant project on their website and on social media sites** – When using AKI grant funds, in accordance with our Grant Agreement, grantees are required to post about the project on social media and on their websites, and if they have one, in their newsletters.

## **Q: Our organization received an AKI grant previously. When can we apply again?**

If you have successfully completed your previous grant activities and reporting in a timely manner, previous grantees are welcome to apply each year.

## **Q: How long does the grant review process take?**

AKI’s proposal evaluation committee will review applications between June 23 and August 3, 2025. We will announce grant awards on/about August 4, 2025. All applicants will be notified of the results.

## **Q: How will grantees receive funds?**

 If your proposal is accepted, we will discuss with you the best method of transferring funds to your organization.

**If you have any further questions, please send an email to** karen@animal-kind.org