287.995 Grants proposals; solicitation; entities receiving grants; purposes; limitations.

Sec. 5. (1) The department shall solicit proposals for grants under this act.

(2) The department shall approve proposals for funding under this act. Only the following entities shall receive grants from the fund:

(a) An animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.
(b) An organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code that is based in this state and whose primary purpose is to increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted.

(3) The department shall make grants to animal control shelters or animal protection shelters for only 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) Increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted.
(b) Provide information to the public about the value of sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats.
(c) Improve knowledge of the proper care of animals pursuant to state animal anticruelty laws by educating the public and training personnel authorized by law to enforce state animal anticruelty laws.
(d) Support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals pursuant to state anticruelty laws.

(e) Purchase equipment and supplies for programs that receive grants under this act.

(4) The department shall make grants to organizations described in subsection (2)(b) only for 1 or both of the following purposes:

(a) To increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted.
(b) To provide information to the public about the value of sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats.

(5) The department shall not approve a grant under this act to an organization described in subsection (2)(b) unless the organization has complied with section 9a of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.339a.

(6) A grant received under this act shall not be used to replace funds otherwise designated by a grantee to support similar programs or projects if existing funds for those programs or projects are included in the grantee's budget before receiving a grant under this act.