



Research to protect, treat and cure animals.

## **MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **HELPING SHELTERS HELP CATS**

**November 2009**

**Deadline: February 5, 2010, 11:59 pm EST**

Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) has funded feline health studies since 1950, and we are working to significantly increase our funding for projects that will improve cat health and train new feline researchers.

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, MAF is announcing this request for proposals for research projects to develop methods (research, education) for preventing or treating infectious diseases that result in negative outcomes for shelter cats. We are particularly interested in proposals investigating feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) and in projects containing a training component that will produce future scientists in animal health/welfare research.

All proposals need to consider the following:

- A. Hypothesis-driven intervention strategies should be considered once risk factors are identified.
- B. Projects should demonstrate integration and synergy of knowledge and resources. Consider past research and use that as a baseline to avoid redundancy.
- C. Inclusion of a training component to introduce veterinary students, graduate students and/or veterinarians to animal health/welfare research is encouraged.
- D. Novel approaches and the use of interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.
- E. Measurements that define positive outcomes are required.
- F. Investigators should address how new information will be widely disseminated to professional and lay audiences (e.g., publications, presentations, continuing education programs, media, shelter associations).

G. Collaboration with shelter management will be important to ensure that any outcome is practical for our nation's shelter community.

MAF anticipates that \$250,000 will be available to fund studies for up to three years. The maximum allowable indirect cost rate is 8 percent. MAF does not pay for capital equipment exceeding \$1,000 or salaries for faculty appointed to regular/tenure track, full-time, full-salaried positions. Salaries may be requested for technicians, residents, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and other support staff based on their percentage of time involved in the study. Expenses (not to exceed \$3,000) for travel to scientific meetings may be included in the budget for the purpose of presenting study findings (funds will be disbursed once an abstract has been accepted).

#### AWARD DEDICATION

The donor wishes to dedicate this gift in honor of all the veterinarians and veterinary staff; directors, operations and administrative staff; and volunteers who commit their time and skills to humane societies, animal shelters and rescue organizations.

To submit a proposal application to MAF, **please read the following directions carefully:**

#### **Application Guidelines — Helping Shelters Help Cats Request for Proposals**

To start a **NEW** online application, click on the link below. You will be taken to MAF's Helping Shelters Help Cats Request for Proposals online application form (you will need to set up an account unless you already have one).

**NEW** online application: [https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_945?SA=SNA&FID=35023](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_945?SA=SNA&FID=35023)

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