COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
2021 CHARGES FOR SERVICE APPLICATION

Organization Name:	Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League				
Address 1:	P O Box1834				
Address 2:	98 Basin Park Drive				
City:	Gunnison	**State:**	CO	**Zip Code:**	81230
Telephone Number:	970-641-1173	**Fax Number:**			
Email Address:	info@gvawl.org				
Contact Person(s):	Kathy MacAllister				

1. What is the amount of County funds requested? Please keep your request below $12,000.

11,000.00

2. Provide specific information regarding what the County funds will be used for.

The Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL) is requesting operational funds to continue providing care for stray, abandoned, relinquished, and impounded companion animals that are brought into the shelter and placed in our care. We primarily work with dogs and cats but will accept other small animals if resources are available. Beyond food and shelter, these animals often require vaccinations and spay/neuter procedures as well as veterinary care and medicine which may be either emergent or routine such as dental work. We assure our animals are in the best possible condition while in our shelter and throughout the adoption process or upon being reunited with their owners. At intake, all animals are initially assessed, and those assessments continue throughout the shelter stay, ensuring that the animal is always handled in a secure setting by trained individuals and that if the animal is sick or injured it receives immediate treatment by a veterinarian to relieve pain and suffering. We maintain communication with families post-adoption to ensure the pet is a good fit for the household. GVAWL was recently listed at saving90.org as a Colorado shelter that has a 99% placement rate for dogs and 96% placement for cats.

Collaborating with all area vet clinics, GVAWL manages an extensive low-cost spay/neuter assistance program. Pet owners pay a set price for the procedure and GVAWL and the vet clinics share the balance of the expense. Early in 2020, in response to feedback from our veterinarians, GVAWL increased the amount of our financial contribution to the program by 20%. In the past eight months, our requests for spay/neuter assistance certificates has increased by 40% over 2019 numbers. We are in the process of creating an application in Spanish for inclusion on our website and community distribution. GVAWL works hard to educate the public on all aspects of safe and healthy pet ownership, especially at our free Pet Expo event. Normally held in the spring, Pet Expo is a free event to the public that invites 20+ local pet care providers, veterinary clinics, and law enforcement agencies to set up booths offering information on topics such as licensing and vaccinations, or basic low cost services, such as nail trimming and wellness checks. While unfortunately cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, we are hoping to hold our next Pet Expo in 2021.

After undertaking a complete review and update of all our policies, procedures, and forms, GVAWL hired our first full time Shelter Manager in February 2020. She brings a background in law enforcement, many years of small and large animal care experience, and reliable organizational and practical skills. With a full time manager and a solid and diverse base of community volunteers, we have exponentially increased our shelter exposure and availability to the public. While following COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, we have continued full services at the shelter. Visitors and adopters are invited into the shelter by appointment and building access is limited to assure proper health and safety precautions for both the public and our staff.

We maintain close, effective relationships with the Gunnison Sheriff's Office and City Neighborhood Services and reserve specific kennels for each entity that can be accessed 24/7. We work with the Gunnison Food Pantry, Project Hope and the Gunnison Senior Care Facility to provide free food, supplies and low-cost sterilization, often to families struggling with loss of income who may be faced with the possibility of relinquishing a family pet they can no longer afford. In addition, GVAWL has provided more than 120 days of shelter and foster care for pets of COVID-19 victims during their hospitalization and recovery, at no cost to these owners.

At Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League, we have a clear understanding that healthy, safe, and educated pet ownership is a benefit to the entire community. Our shelter has an essential and vital role in the community and surrounding areas as we provide essential services that are not otherwise available. GVAWL has a clear understanding that especially during such times of stress and uncertainty, companion animals can provide comfort and stability, particularly for our most vulnerable community members.

3. Provide information about what results you will provide for the amount requested, and how you will measure those results. Please address how these results relate to existing County services.

The successful, continued operation and management of the animal shelter is the most effective gauge of our success. We can meet or exceed current requests for our services and plan to continue doing so in the future. If an animal cannot be accepted at GVAWL, due to behavior or health issues that would endanger staff or other animals, we provide counseling and possible care alternatives. We have not turned away an animal due to financial restrictions or lack of kennel space, and we have fulfilled every request to date for low-cost spay/neuter certificates, even with a substantial increase in requests over last year.

We have seen an increase in the percentage of animals that are brought in from the county, as opposed to within Gunnison City limits. We attribute this to increased public awareness of our facility and services, expanded hours of operation, and our strong relationship with the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office personnel who are charged with enforcement of County control and licensing rules and regulations. Within the past few weeks, we have responded to two citizens that have picked up sick or injured dogs by the side of the road and worked with the Sheriff's Department to secure emergency veterinary care when the owners could not be located. We work regularly with deputies, making certain they are aware of how to access the shelter and provide initial care until GVAWL personnel can take over. One deputy recently asked to be trained on the micro-chip reader so animals brought in when the shelter is not open could be identified and returned to their owners sooner.

Every spring we provide our entire Colorado PACFA (Pet Animal Care Facilities Act) report to the County which includes details on every animal cared for by GVAWL, as follows:

Date In and Date Out
Species (dog, cat, small mammal)
Source (relinquishment, stray, impound, City or County)
Disposition (adoption, etc)
Age

Per our County lease agreement, GVAWL also annually provides the County BOCC a report specifically tracking County animals in our care, which includes the above information as well as all associated costs and any shelter or adoption fees collected.

4. Please attach the following two documents to this application:

a) Names and addresses of all Board members including designation of officers

b) Budget detail for 2020 and 2021 with reasonable detail for income and expenses for the agency as a whole (if you are requesting funding for a specific event or project, please provide the event or project budget as well)

c) 2020 Funding Report

Completed Application should be submitted to:

Electronic Submittal:	**Mailed Submittal:**
Adobe PDF Format	Gunnison County Finance
Kelly Weak, Accountant	Attn: Kelly Weak
kweak@gunnisoncounty.org	200 E. Virginia Ave.
	Gunnison, CO 81230

Submittal Deadline:

November 10, 2020

Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League
Board of Directors – September 2020

Kathy MacAllister, Board President
400 Tomichi Trail, Gunnison, CO

Cheryl Dandel, Board Vice President
12 Willow Lane, Gunnison, CO

Darrah Miller, Board Secretary
601 N. Pine St, Gunnison, CO 81230

Paula Mann, Board Treasurer
PO Box 1269, Gunnison, CO 81230

Sue Knowles, Director
825 W. Denver, Gunnison, CO 81230

Sue Uerling – Director
656 Fairway Lane, Gunnison, CO 81230

Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

	2020 Budget
Revenues	
Contributions (donation boxes, Individual donations)	70,000 *
Corporate Donations	3,000
Fundraising Events	21,000
Grants (Municipal and Private)	27,000
Shelter Earned Income (Adoption and Impound Fees)	16,500
Total Revenues	137,500
Operating Expenses	
Professional Fees (Bookkeeping and Website)	7,000
Advertising	1,000
Office Supplies	2,000
Volunteer Appreciation	1,000
Shelter Supplies	3,500
Dues and Subscriptions	500
Continuing Education	500
Insurance	5,500
Licenses and Fees	500
Property Expense, repairs and maintenance	5,000
Utilities	7,000
Fundraising Expenses	5,500
Operating Expenses	39,000
Payroll Expenses	40,000
Payroll Reserve	22,950
Program Expenses	
Rescue Center	
Silver Whiskers	500
Fostering Expenses	750
Veterinary Care	15,000
Food/Supplies	1,500
Sterilization	7,000
Euthanasia	650
Vaccinations/Prescriptions	1,400
Total Rescue Center	26,800
Spay/Neuter Assistance	6,000
Feral / TNR	2,750
Total Expenses	137,500
Total Income/(Deficit)	-

* This amount included a $40K bequest from an individual's estate. We are anticipating a slow return to 'normal' in 2021 as fundraising will hopefully resume at events.

Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

	2021 Budget
Revenues	
Contributions (donation boxes, Individual donations)	30,000
Corporate Donations	3,000
Fundraising Events	15,000
Grants (Municipal and Private)	27,000
Shelter Earned Income (Adoption and Impound Fees)	15,000
Total Revenues	90,000
Operating Expenses	
Professional Fees (Bookkeeping and Website)	5,000
Advertising	1,000
Office Supplies	1,900
Volunteer Appreciation	800
Shelter Supplies	3,000
Dues and Subscriptions	750
Continuing Education	600
Insurance	5,800
Licenses and Fees	600
Property Expense, repairs and maintenance	5,000
Utilities	7,300
Fundraising Expenses	4,200
Operating Expenses	35,950
Payroll Expenses	43,000
Payroll Reserve	-
Program Expenses	
Rescue Center	
Silver Whiskers	500
Fostering Expenses	750
Veterinary Care	10,000
Food/Supplies	1,500
Sterilization	7,000
Euthanasia	650
Vaccinations/Prescriptions	1,400
Total Rescue Center	21,800
Spay/Neuter Assistance	6,000
Feral / TNR	2,750
Total Expenses	109,500
Total Income/(Deficit)	(19,500)

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Funding Recipient Project Report
Calendar Year 2020

Name of Funding Recipient: Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL)

Dollar Value of County Funds Awarded: $7,000

Funding Recipient's Total Annual Budget: $137,500

Other Funding Sources (please list source names and amounts received): Data through August, 2020:

Private Grants: Wags and Menace - $2,000 Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund - $15,000

City of Gunnison - $2,000 Animal Assistance Foundation (COVID-19 Emergency Grant) - $3,000

Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley - $3,750 + $3,000 COVID-19 Recovery Fund

Contributions - $13,250 Fundraising - $4,500 Shelter Earned Income - $6,500

Percentage of Annual Budget Funded by the Other Funding Sources Listed Above: 38%

How the County Funds Were Spent: We continue to provide shelter, food, vaccinations, sterilizations, and veterinary care for stray, abandoned, relinquished, and impounded County animals. Our Spay/Neuter Assist applications are already surpassing 2019, with roughly 1/3 requests coming from County animal owners. We are also providing, at no cost, temporary care for pets of COVID-19 victims during hospitalization and recovery.

Number of Clients Assisted during the Funding Year: 100

Customer Results Achieved via the County Funds: GVAWL has seen a marked increase in the use of our facility by County law enforcement officers as we continue training and assisting with intake procedures and use of kennels reserved for County animals. Recently, a deputy contacted GVAWL after-hours for assistance with a critically ill stray dog. Our shelter manager was able to quickly secure veterinary care and the pup has survived and will be ready for adoption soon.

How Your Customer Results Were Measured: All animals receiving care and/or services through GVAWL are logged at intake and the results are reported to the State through PACFA annually. Data provided includes intake information such as stray, relinquishes, City or County and disposition such as Returned to Owner or adoption. A full accounting of all County animals is submitted annually to the County by March 1.

Submit this report to one of the following by October 1, 2020. If applicable, please attach additional pages, your annual report or other documentation.

Mail: Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Katherine Haase
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, CO 81230

Email: khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Fax: (970) 641-3061