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What grant amount are you seeking?	\$5,000.00
For what purpose are you requesting this grant?	<p>The Parma Animal Shelter is the main shelter in Parma, Ohio, one of the LARGEST (population is over 80,000) suburbs in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The shelter (PAS) was organized for the purpose of staffing an animal shelter with volunteers within the City of Parma; the City of Parma pays certain operating expenses on behalf of the shelter. The goal of the shelter is to find loving, forever homes for shelter animals, reunite lost pets with their owners, and serve the residents of Parma.</p> <p>The Parma Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter in the sense that animals are not euthanized for time constraints. In the event an animal is seriously hurt with no chance of recovery or presents with an incurable illness, they are humanely euthanized by sedative first, then injection administered by one of four veterinarians the shelter uses.</p> <p>The shelter is a <b>100% volunteer-run shelter</b> and opened Monday-Sunday. Throughout the years, the dedicated volunteers of the Parma Animal Shelter have worked to place at-risk dogs into loving foster homes and forever homes. For example, Gramps, a large senior German Shepherd mixed dog, was adored by volunteers. He was allowed to walk anywhere in the shelter, with the exception of the quarantine rooms. The volunteers were thrilled when Gramps was placed into foster care. Why? Because he had a huge backyard to run and play and in every day; he loved every minute of it. Sadly, Gramps passed way a short while</p>

	<p>ago. Many volunteers said "goodbye" him before he crossed over to Rainbow Bridge, a place where animals pass on to, eventually to be reunited with their owners. Not only is the shelter grateful to its dedicated volunteers for caring for Gramps, but also to Gramps' foster mom and dad who loved and cared for him until he passed.</p> <p>Clarence, another at-risk large dog, was placed into a forever home after working with a behavioral specialist. The shelter hopes Ravenna, a dog who's a fear biter, will respond to behavioral training. Ravenna could stay with a behavior specialist because she would benefit from foster care, too.</p> <p>Behavioral programs work! The Parma Animal Shelter wants to continue working with behavioral specialists and those at animal clinics who can help shelter dogs overcome any behavior or fear issues they may have. Not only is our goal to place ALL of our dogs into forever homes, but to help each dog be the best they can be. All they need is a little time, love, understanding and patience. The Lowell Fund will help our shelter continue our efforts with working with large dogs who may have behavioral issues and/or hard to place.</p>
<p>How will this grant be used to improve the lives of at-risk dogs?</p>	<p>The Lowell Grant will be used to support the well-being of large, adult and senior mixed-breed dogs, for example, King, a senior Belgian Malimar. Dogs come to the Parma Animal Shelter because they're abandoned, injured, mistreated, neglected, owner surrender, exploited, or are otherwise in need.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the City of Parma has a Pitbull ban. Right now, the shelter has one Pitbull (Penny) and four "pit American Bulldog" bull mixes. The shelter is allowed to accept Pitbulls and Pitbull-mixes, but they can't be adopted to any of the residents in the City of the Parma. Because of the ban, it takes more time to find these dogs homes. However, they're provided with food and medical and attention.</p> <p>Parma's ACO would like to get the Pitbull ban lifted; however, this requires extensive education and conversations with city officials and residents. Residents and city officials need to see that Pitbulls are no more a threat than any other dog. The truth is that all dogs, when threatened, can bite an adult or child. Illness can affect a dog's personality as well; there are a myriad of reasons why a dog could act out or attack. But singling out the Pitbull, a breed that has been featured on "Life Magazine" three times, a breed that was once the mascot for the U.S. military is heartbreaking. Hopefully, the Pitbull ban will be lifted and the Parma Animal Shelter will be able to adopt them to residents in Parma who keep telling volunteers, "I'd adopt a Pitbull, but our city has a ban on them."</p> <p>Finally, the \$5,000 would be used to work with several animal behavioral specialists and the Animal Behavior Clinic. The shelter would also like its volunteers, especially adoption counselors, to work with behavioral specialists so they can continue training with dogs who stay at the shelter (some dogs stay with behavioral specialists). Adoption counselors will have added knowledge to share</p>

with potential adopters of dogs, i.e., how to handle a dog when walking on a leash. The money will also be used to:

1. Purchase state-of-the art beds for senior dogs.
2. Provide continued medical care (x-rays, medicine, etc.) for dogs, especially seniors who may have advanced needs, i.e., if they have arthritis in their joints. Also, some dogs may require a special diet.
3. Get a dog groomed and flea treated; some dogs have matted fur and fleas.
4. Teeth checked and cleaned. Some of the dog's that come into the shelter haven't had their teeth cleaned; they've been neglected and need immediate attention.

With over 80,000 residents, the City of Parma is still a growing community thanks to a revitalization that is taking place, e.g., the mall is getting a much needed makeover and Ohio's prestigious University Hospitals is anticipating integrating with Parma Community Hospital. Therefore, the Parma Animal Shelter anticipates the \$5,000 will help approximately 15 dogs.

Is this request to:	a stand-alone program?
<p>How will you measure the results of this grant?</p>	<p>The Parma Animal shelter will measure the results of grant two ways. The first way is through a health and wellness evaluation, which includes assessing the overall improvement of a dog's temperament, i.e., a dog goes from being a fear biter to being calm around people. The shelter will also keep track of the number of at-risk dogs placed into loving forever homes.</p> <p>The second way the Parma Animal Shelter will measure results is on a cost-basis. For example, the budget for each animal is \$500.00 or less, depending on the animal and their needs. For the year of 2012, the shelter spent over \$40,000 on dog care (food) (medical: spay/neuter, rabies, bordatella, distemper-parvo, heartworm test, x-rays, etc.) for 295 dogs. Most dogs that come into the shelter are large adult and senior, mixed and pure bred: Collie, Pitbull, German Shepherd, Boxer, etc.</p> <p>In 2005, the Parma Animal Shelter had a mixed large breed dog named Sue (Australian Cattle Dog-mix) that had behavioral issues. The Sue Fund was created so the shelter could work with several behavioral specialists and the Animal Behavior Clinic. The dogs are treated off-site and/or will stay with the</p>

	<p>behavioral specialists who can place the dogs up for adoption when they're ready. This was the case with Sue. The shelter spent \$700.00 on behavioral training for Sue, but her trainer liked her some much that she adopted her. Sadly, Sue passed away this year. But, the Sue Fund continues to help dogs large breed dogs. For example, Boss (Chow-mix), was sent to a behavior specialist earlier this year. He was adopted!  Note: Dogs are evaluated by trainers and a plan is created for them, which is immediately put into action by assigned volunteers.</p> <p>The shelter also established the Ozzie Fund in 2005 in honor of a gentle, noble, and scruffy looking terrier-mix that died from cancer. The Ozzie Fund is used to care for animals with extraordinary medical expenses. The Parma Animal Shelter will not turn any dog away, large or small.</p> <p>Currently, the Sue Fund has \$750.00 and the Ozzie Fund has \$1,500.00. The Sue Fund is supported by donations made to Humane Education. Funding for the Ozzie Fund is from candy sales, donation jars, and specific donor instructions, i.e., a check is for the Ozzie Fund. Funds are needed because the shelter has seen an influx of large dogs and will continue to receive dogs until the end of the year. Based on what the shelter's Dog Health and Welfare has seen, it's anticipated that a good portion of the dogs coming into the shelter will require behavioral training.</p> <p>*Stats for 10/1/12 through 9/1/13</p> <p>Senior dogs 19  Large dogs 23  Pitbull 4  Pitbull-mixes 9</p>
Is your program managed by:	volunteers
How many paid staff does your organization employ?	0
How many volunteers are involved in your program?	210
If chosen to receive a grant from The Lowell Fund, do you agree to sign a Grant Agreement prior to the distribution of funds, and to submit grant reports detailing how you spent the funds?	Yes

Does your organization participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)? If so, please enter your CFC number here:	NA
Is your organization a nonprofit?	Yes
A copy of your organization's IRS 501(c)3 determination letter	See attachment.
The most recent 990 form filed with the IRS (should at least be for FY 2005)	See attachment

Abby Volin

11:38 AM (19 hours ago)

to me, Karen

Dear Amandah,

Congratulations! Following a rigorous review process, your organization has been selected to receive a grant of \$5,000 from The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) funded through The Lowell Fund to support your program for large mixed-breed, pit-bull type and large senior dogs. Please note that this grant is restricted to supporting your program as stated in your application and no portion of these funds may be used for other purposes.

To take advantage of this grant, provide us with the following documentation (email is preferred) so that we may proceed with the funds transfer:

W-9 form,

attached Electronic Funds Transfer form, completed and Grant Agreement, completed.

As part of the Grant Agreement, we ask that you submit an Impact Report no later than 30 calendar days after the expiration of the Grant Period (as defined in your grant agreement) detailing how the funds were used to further your life-saving work. You can find a template in the Grant Agreement. Please share the specific, measurable results achieved (e.g., number of animals helped, number of people served, and the impact the grant has made). Photos, short videos, and individual animal stories are much appreciated by the founders of the Lowell Fund. You're encouraged to include a couple of your meaningful stories as a part of your report.

All of here at The HSUS celebrate the life-saving work that you and other local animal welfare organizations are doing to save pets. If you haven't already, I encourage you and your organization's members to take advantage of our many programs and resources offered to rescue groups and shelters.

Additionally, please consider joining the Rescue Central forum, which is a space for rescuers to interact with and learn from others rescue groups around the country, or signing up for The Scoop, which is a

biweekly newsletter providing news alerts, special offers and educational opportunities affecting the animal welfare community.

Thank you for all your incredible work helping homeless animals.

Sincerely,  
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