

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1046

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to animals; creating the Oklahoma
9 Spay and Neuter Grant Program; providing the Oklahoma
Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry will
10 oversee the program; providing purpose of program;
providing Department shall award grants based upon
11 recommendation of the Spay and Neuter Grant Program
Advisory Board; providing Board membership;
12 prohibiting compensation for Board members; providing
for travel expenses; providing role of Board;
13 providing who may seek a grant; providing competitive
grant proposal requirements; providing for review of
14 competitive grant proposals; providing for
promulgation of rules; making appropriations;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901 of Title 4, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant
2 Program which shall be overseen and carried out by the Oklahoma
3 Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

4 B. The purpose of this program is to reduce animal shelter
5 overpopulation and cat and dog euthanasia rates by financing grants
6 to local governments and animal welfare organizations for programs
7 that most efficiently and effectively facilitate and promote the
8 provision of spay and neuter services for cats and dogs in the
9 state.

10 C. Grants shall be awarded by the Department based upon the
11 recommendation of the of the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program
12 Advisory Board.

13 D. The Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program Advisory Board
14 shall consist of:

15 1. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, or his
16 or her designee; and

17 2. The following members, who shall be appointed by the
18 Commissioner Agriculture, Food and Forestry:

19 a. one representative of a private animal shelter located
20 in Oklahoma,

21 b. one Oklahoma veterinarian,

22 c. one representative of an Oklahoma animal control
23 agency, and

1 I. A competitive grant proposal:

2 1. Shall target low-income communities and populations to the
3 maximum extent possible and detail how that goal is to be
4 accomplished;

5 2. May target feral cat populations if the Department
6 determines that this targeting does not violate local law;

7 3. Shall efficiently and effectively facilitate and promote the
8 provisions of spay and neuter services for cats and dogs; and

9 4. May include public education and outreach components.

10 J. The Department shall evaluate a competitive grant proposal
11 based on:

12 1. The standards established under subsection I of this
13 section; and

14 2. Any additional standards the Department promulgates by rule
15 consistent with this section.

16 K. The Department shall promulgate rules to promulgate this act
17 which shall include requiring a grant recipient to report relevant
18 information on how the grant was used, including data on the number
19 and type of spay or neuter surgeries performed and a description of
20 any public education and outreach implemented.

21 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma
22 Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry from any monies not
23 otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State
24 Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of Zero
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1 Dollars (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to implement
2 the Oklahoma Spay and Neuter Grant Program, as authorized by Section
3 1 of this act.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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