

NYS Companion Animal Capital Project Grant

a word from our President

As you may have heard, The Lewis County Humane Society has been awarded a grant under the **NYS Companion Animal Capital Project** in the amount of \$500,000! Our application for this grant was many years in the making and lots of planning and work. We are very excited for our shelter!

Here is some info and facts on our grant:

- As part of this grant, our shelter is obligated to provide matching funds of at least \$166,667. Our submission was a little over that and we have committed to matching \$209,656.07. This puts our total Capital project at \$709,656.07. We will be fundraising to help with this matching portion.
- What Is a Capital Project? A capital project is a long-term, capital-intensive investment to build upon, add to, or improve a capital asset. Capital projects are defined by their large scale and large cost relative to other investments that involve less planning and resources.
- This grant must be used for this purpose only, and cannot be used for things like payroll, vet bills, food, etc. Only capital projects necessary for the secure containment, health and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats are eligible for funding.
- Here is a list of what our final project includes:
 - Repair roofing
 - Reconfiguration of main kennel area & construction of new concrete kennels
 - Repair concrete floors and epoxy painting
 - Replacing window/doors
 - New individual cat condos
 - FRP on most surfaces
 - Update plumbing
 - New outdoor fencing/kennels/dog runs
 - Radiant floor heat
 - New heating, ventilation and air conditioning throughout
 - New quarantine areas for dogs & cats
 - Separate Clean & Dirty rooms
 - New work area with stainless tables
 - Soundproofing between dogs and rest of shelter areas
 - Upgrade electrical
 - Upgrade fire & security systems
 - New bathroom (ineligible expense which must be funded 100% with our own dollars)
 - New office
 - Upgrade & reconfiguration of all cat rooms
 - New food storage and general storage areas

- No-Dig system in outdoor kennels
 - Kennel coverings to prevent jumping and provide shade for outdoor kennels
 - Commercial washer & dryer
 - Generator and automatic transfer switch
- We haven't received official notification (other than their media announcement), but when we do we will putting the project out for bid. We will have 3 months to start construction, and 2 years to complete.

If you would like to donate to help cover our associated project costs, there are several ways to do so:

- Facebook donate button (we receive 100% of donations, with zero fees to us)
- PayPal to lewiscountyhumanesociety@gmail.com
- Mail checks to Lewis County Humane Society, PO Box 682, Lowville, NY 13367
- We can also take credit card donations via the phone, 315-376-8349
- Of course, you can drop off donations at the shelter anytime during open hours Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 2-6, Sat 11-4. We are closed Sun & Wed.

Although this is a wonderful time for our shelter, large construction projects are never easy and come with a lot of growing pains, headaches and stress. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding with us during these next 2+ years!

