

## **The Creatures of the Creator Pet Ministry Grant Program - Policy Statement**

### **History**

Established in 2018, The Creatures of the Creator Pet Ministry (COTC) is a fully integrated ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church, a 501(c) (3) non-profit religious charity. The Creatures of The Creator is a community-focused pet ministry. Our goal is to bring awareness to the sacred nature of all God's creatures and their caregivers and advocate for their care and wellbeing. We accomplish this goal by hosting various pet community outreach events, such as our annual Blessing of the Animals; our bi-annual Pet Remembrance Service; our monthly Petey's Pals Donation Drives benefitting area rescues and shelters; and educational events focused on animal advocacy.

### **Grant Purpose**

The purpose of the Creature of the Creator Grant Program is to provide financial support to animal rescue, foster, and shelters within Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The financial support will benefit such organizations that provide caregiving to abused, neglected, homeless or otherwise endangered animals. This will include, but will not be limited to, housing; medical care; food; supplies and other related needs. Grants are awarded once annually.

The Creatures of the Creator Pet Ministry will review the grant program annually and reserves the right to make any changes to the program.

### **Grant Award**

There shall be a \$500.00 annual grant awarded to a single applicant.

### **Eligibility**

Applicant shall be a 501 (c ) (3) organization. A current certificate must be attached to the application.

Applicant shall provide the community with one or more of the following activities: Animal rescue, animal foster, animal shelter and animal adoption. Applicant organizations shall have fifty or fewer volunteers.

Applicant shall identify a specific purpose/initiative that will benefit from grant funding.

Applicant shall provide detailed budget information about how the grant will be spent.

Applicant's purpose/initiative shall have a broad animal care and welfare community impact.

### **How to Apply**

Applications for year 2025 will be eligible to be considered if they are received between the dates of **January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025**. Notification of the grant award will be made to the successful applicant by **May 31, 2025**.

There are two (2) ways to apply:

- Visit [unitypresbyterianchurch.org](http://unitypresbyterianchurch.org) and click Creatures of the Creator on the menu to find the link to the grant application. Complete the form on your computer, save it , then email it to : [ckozlowski@unitypresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:ckozlowski@unitypresbyterianchurch.org).
- Print the grant application, complete, and submit by mail to: Unity Presbyterian Church, The Creatures of the Creator Pet Ministry, 1146 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

All applications received will be sent an email acknowledgement.

### **Selection Team**

The selection team shall include two or more members of the Creatures of the Creator Pet Ministry.

### **Grant Conditions**

By submitting an application, you are agreeing to:

- Approve the release of the organization/project name, logo, and primary purpose/activity information and photos for marketing purposes on any form of media.
- Notify and receive approval from COTC Pet Ministry for the use of the COTC Pet Ministry name or logo on any form of media associated with the request.
- Within six months of receiving a grant, provide a report or testimonial, including photos, after your purpose/initiative is fulfilled.