

Shelter Ally Project: Capacity Building Mentorship

Creating relationships with under-resourced animal welfare organizations is one of the best ways to increase the ability for regions of the U.S. to help pets and their families and respond to animal cruelty and natural disasters. This is a six-month mentorship and includes up to \$25,000 in grant funding.



Rural shelter outreach

While pet transport can save the lives of adoptable animals who might otherwise have to be euthanized due to lack of local resources, it is only a short-term solution. Our long-term approach seeks to build local capacity through effective policies and programs that will, over time, reduce the number of animals flowing into shelters and rescues, and keep more pets in their homes.

Together we will bring resources and expertise to organizations that are interested in learning new strategies by facilitating shelter-to-shelter relationships and sharing best practices and innovative program ideas. Mentor shelters may offer advice on topics such as standard operating procedures, animal flow, shelter medicine best practices, community engagement and outreach, budgeting and more—each mentorship relationship is customized to meet the needs of the mentee shelter.



Disaster preparedness

Together with our Global Animal Rescue and Response team, participating organizations will utilize disaster preparedness training to better understand the needs of their region to collectively address natural and manmade disasters. There will be a focus on best practices and effective strategies for long-term sustainability.



Law enforcement training & response

We will connect the dots between animal protection policy, the officers enforcing those laws and the animal welfare professionals who provide critical support for their communities. Through tailored training opportunities for rural and under-resourced shelters, we will support a paradigm shift in the approach to animal welfare, prioritizing access to care, establishing networks that foster collaboration and supporting the individuals on the frontlines of the work.

We will co-host a field learning opportunity, in the form of a community event, in which law enforcement, shelter professionals and veterinarians will work together to engage their local community.

To find out more information or to apply for a Shelter Ally Project mentorship visit humanepro.org/shelter-ally-project

