



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE (IAAHPC) Grant Proposal Guidelines

The International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (IAAHPC) advances comfort-focused, relationship-centered care for animals and their caregivers. Through education, research, and advocacy, IAAHPC promotes evidence-based approaches to animal hospice and palliative care (AHPC).

The IAAHPC Mini-Grant Program supports innovative projects that enhance understanding, practice, and quality of life for animals and the people who love them.

Instructions for Applicants

- Purpose: Supports research advancing AHPC practices.
- Eligibility: Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, social workers, mental health professionals, educators, and researchers engaged in AHPC-related work. Interdisciplinary proposals encouraged.
- Formatting: 8.5×11 paper, ≥¼-inch margins, single spacing, ≥11-point font (Arial or Times New Roman). Limit total submission to 5 pages excluding attachments.
- Ethical Review: IRB/IACUC (or equivalent) required before funding.
- Submission: Combine proposal, CV(s), and letters into one PDF and email to research@iaahpc.org with subject line "IAAHPC 2026 Mini-Proposal – PI Last Name."
- Budget Range: \$5,000–\$25,000 USD.
- Applications Open: October 1 - April 1 each year
- Questions: Contact Lori Kogan at research@iaahpc.org

Applicant Information

Principal Investigator (PI): _____

Credentials/Title: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Duration: _____ Total Budget: _____

Submission Date: _____



1) Project Title

A clear, concise title

2) Structured Abstract (≤200 words)

Include:

- Background (problem/gap)
- Objectives/Hypothesis (what you'll test or develop)
- Methods (design, participants, measures, analysis)
- Expected Results/Impact (benefits to animal comfort or caregiver support)

3) Specific Aims (≤150 words total)

- Aim 1: Primary outcome and measure
- Aim 2: Secondary outcomes

4) Study Design & Methods (≤350 words)

- Design: pilot, pre-post, cross-sectional, or mixed-methods
- Setting/Participants: species, criteria, and sample size justification
- Procedures: timeline of interventions
- Measures: tools for animal comfort/QOL, caregiver stress, bereavement, or team well-being
- Analysis: overview of quantitative and/or qualitative approaches

5) Ethical Oversight & Animal Welfare (≤150 words)

- Confirm IRB/IACUC (or equivalent)
- Informed consent
- Veterinary oversight
- Managing distress/adverse events
- Conflict of interest disclosure

6) Feasibility & Research Team (≤120 words)

- Key team members, roles, expertise, collaborating sites, available resources

7) Timeline (12–18 months typical) (≤120 words)

- List quarterly milestones (Q1–Q4 or Q6)



8) Budget & Justification (≤150 words + line items)

- Typical total: \$5,000–\$25,000 USD
- No indirect costs will be paid
- No PI salary for full-time faculty or capital/operational expenses
- Provide justification for each cost

9) Dissemination & Impact (≤150 words)

- Describe dissemination (open-access publication, toolkit, webinar)
- Summarize expected impact on AHPC practice, education, or policy

10) Supporting Materials

- Letters of Support, 2-page PI CV, preliminary data or figures

Grant Award Conditions

- Must be a member of IAAHPC
- Provide one mid-project progress report and a final report within 60 days of completion.
- Present results in lecture (in-person or virtual) or poster (in-person) at IAAHPC conference (grantees responsible for all fees/expenses related to conference, but can be added as a line item in proposal budget)
- All publications or presentations resulting from funded research must acknowledge IAAHPC support.

Proposal Completeness Checklist

- ☐ Proposal fully completed and signed
- ☐ Budget justified and within limits
- ☐ Ethical review plan described
- ☐ CV(s) and letters of support attached
- ☐ Conflict of interest disclosed

Principal Investigator Signature: _____ Date: _____