

The Latham Foundation — Grant Requirements

The Latham Foundation awards grants to organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting kindness, compassion, and respect for all living beings. Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for funding.

This year, the grant submission portal will be live June 22 – 26, 2026. Applications submitted outside of this date range will not be accepted.

Section One: Eligibility and Restrictions

Please read carefully and make sure you meet these criteria before submitting a proposal

- Latham provides grants that promote humane education through animal-assisted activities where both animals and people benefit.
- **This year we are seeking humane education programs that have an emphasis on Service-Learning**
- Applicants must be U.S. programs.
- Organizations must have attained a nonprofit 501(c)(3) status.
- Required Documents:
 - Copies of your 501(c)(3) determination letter
 - Your organization's annual budget
 - Summary page of your most recent 990 tax form
 - Proposed program budget
- The Latham Foundation will not impose age restrictions on program participants. Applications are welcome from organizations serving children, youth, adults, and seniors alike. Programs may serve a single age group or span multiple generations. All are encouraged to apply.

Awards will be up to \$10,000 for a one-year grant.
Receiving a grant does not guarantee a renewal.

Grants **may not** be used for the following:

- Capital projects and equipment
- Publications
- Employee training
- Funds for salaries
- Conference registration or travel

Section Two: [Service-Learning Programs](#) with a Hands-On Component

While programs must be rooted in humane education, this year's theme will be on those with a significant service-learning component. Applicants should demonstrate how their

program actively engages participants in serving their communities. The program must create a tangible benefit for both people and animals within the community it serves.

Service-learning means participants must be actively engaged in direct, hands-on activities — not passive observation or classroom instruction alone.

Examples of qualifying hands-on components include animal care and shelter support, environmental stewardship projects, community outreach and direct service, mentorship and peer education, and youth-led advocacy initiatives.

Applicants must also demonstrate a meaningful link between humane education and service. The educational content of the program should inform and enhance the service activities, and the service experiences should reinforce and deepen participants' learning. Applicants should clearly describe how these two elements are intentionally integrated throughout the program — not treated as separate activities.

Section Three: Humane Education

Programs must incorporate humane education that clearly illustrates the values of kindness and respect for all living beings.

Applicants must align their curriculum or programming with the first three Latham Steps to Humane Education. The steps are as follows.

Step One: Kindness to Animals. Build compassion and empathy for other living creatures.

Step Two: Kindness to Each Other. Guides the interaction between people of the same family or social group.

Step Three: Kindness to Other People. Guides the interaction between people of different families or social groups when they meet in a common place.

Applications must describe how each of these steps is reflected in the design and delivery of the program.

Section Four: Measuring Impact and Social Media

If your organization is an award recipient, further details will be forwarded.

Applicants must describe in their application the specific tools and instruments they will use to collect data, how that data will be analyzed, and how results will be communicated to The Latham Foundation. This should include information on participant data and how they will collect quantitative and qualitative documentation.

Vague or anecdotal reporting alone will not satisfy this requirement.

Please note that for this grant cycle, The Latham Foundation will require at least two social media posts – 6 months apart during the grant year – that include how The Latham Foundation has supported the program.

Section Five: Partnerships

Partnerships with other organizations are not required. Programs may be implemented independently or in collaboration with partner organizations, schools, or community groups. If a partnership is included, applicants should briefly describe the role of each partner and how the partnership strengthens the program. Partnership status will not advantage or disadvantage an application.

Section Six: Page Limits

Grant applications should be no more than 10 pages in length and are required to be 12-point font, double-spaced.

To ensure equitable review, applicants must include the following sections for their application.

- Organization Overview
- Program Description
- Humane Education Alignment — including the Latham Steps
- Service-Learning Description — including the hands-on component and education-service link
- Impact Measurement Plan
- Partnership Description, if applicable. *If you do not have a partnership, please write N/A in this section.*

Applications that do not include these sections or exceed the maximum page limit may be disqualified from consideration. **Applicants are encouraged to be concise, specific, and direct in all responses.**

