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**HONORABLE ORDER OF KENTUCKY COLONELS  
AWARD 325 GRANTS TOTALING \$2.5 MILLION**  
Alley Cat Advocates AN HONORED 2024 RECIPIENT

*Louisville, KY* – Alley Cat Advocates is proud to announce it received a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC) in the amount of \$10,541.50 to go toward the purchase of a total building generator. This amount will fund half of the generator. Alley Cat Advocates will be seeking donations to fund the remaining half and hopes to have it purchased and installed before the cold weather comes around again.

Alley Cat Advocates works to ensure the safety and well-being of community cats by directing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. The organization partners with neighbors who are feeding stray cats to bring the cats in to be spayed or neutered, receive vaccinations and flea and ear mite treatment, and then return them to their outdoor homes where they can lead healthier, happier lives.

HOKC awarded \$2.5 million in grants supporting 325 non-profits, impacting more than 3.9 million Kentuckians. Grants are made possible through donations from Kentucky Colonels from throughout the Commonwealth and around the world who chose to exercise the honor of being named a Kentucky Colonel in a meaningful way.

According to **Commanding General Gary Boschert**: “2023 / 2024 was a challenging year for fulfilling Grant Requests, with over \$5 million in total requests. We were able to distribute \$2.5 million through the Good Works Program that each of you generously supports. Every dollar you contribute to the Good Works Program goes out to nonprofits in the Commonwealth. Together we helped support 3.9 million people this year. Our efforts following the western and eastern Kentucky disasters continue, with limited funds remaining for both regions. Many Trustees just toured eastern Kentucky earlier this month to see firsthand how much need there truly is. The rebuilding in both areas continues and your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!”

## **About Alley Cat Advocates**

Alley Cat Advocates is a 501(c)3 organization that relies on grant funding and donations to offer spay/neuter services for cat caretakers in the community. Alley Cat Advocates' mission is to provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats in our community by directing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in the safest, most efficient, and most cost-effective way possible. Alley Cat Advocates schedules 250 spay/neuter appointments each week. The group will spay/neuter more than 7,000 community cats this year and has altered more than 70,000 stray cats in the community since their work began in 1999. For more information or to schedule a spay/neuter for a community cat, call 502-634-8777 or visit [alleycatadvocates.org](http://alleycatadvocates.org).

## **About the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels**

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a 501(c) (3) entity dedicated to supporting charitable activities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The organization is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. The “Kentucky Colonel” commission is an honorary title granted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Since 1951, the organization has pursued its mission through annual grants totaling \$68 million to more than 1,700 nonprofits. Of those Colonels’ contributions, each grant is thoroughly vetted by the trustees and staff. Though the corporate name is The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, most know it by its long-term trademark, KENTUCKY COLONELS. Visit [kycolonels.org](http://kycolonels.org) to learn more.

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