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## **Alley Cat Advocates Receives \$55,000 ASPCA Relief & Recovery Grant**

*Funding will help to save more animal lives throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Louisville, KY—Alley Cat Advocates has been awarded \$55,000 in grants from the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) as part of its national [ASPCA Relief and Recovery Initiative](#), which includes providing a minimum of \$4 million in critical funding for animal welfare organizations whose programs, operations, or fundraising capabilities have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. These grants will help Alley Cat Advocates fund essential lifesaving services to those caring for stray, free-roaming cats by supporting stray cat spay/neuter surgeries and by providing essential veterinary care to these cats.

“During this time of economic hardship for so many, it is imperative that we lend a helping hand to those who care for our community’s stray cats.” said **Karen Little, Executive Director**. “These funds will help us continue to provide no and low cost surgeries for stray cats throughout our region.”

“In addition to the unprecedented challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created for people, it is also putting animals at risk by straining essential owner and shelter resources,” said **ASPCA President and CEO Matt Bershader**. “Considering the vital role pets play in our lives – especially in times of crisis and stress – it’s extremely important to safeguard their welfare as much as we can, and we are grateful to the animal welfare community for stepping up, thinking creatively and courageously, and forging new paths to meet this need. Through the ASPCA Relief & Recovery Initiative, we are helping animals stay healthy and safe as we weather this crisis together.”

For more information about Alley Cat Advocates, please visit [alleycatadvocates.org](http://alleycatadvocates.org) or call 502-634-8777 for assistance.

### **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. The organization’s mission is to provide for the humane treatment of unowned cats by directing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in the safest, most efficient, and most cost effective way possible. Alley Cat Advocates schedules 200 spay/neuter appointments each week and will spay/neuter over 5,000 community cats this year. The organization has altered over 50,000 stray cats in the region since beginning their work in 1999. For more information or to schedule a spay/neuter surgery for a community cat, call 502-634-8777 or visit [alleycatadvocates.org](http://alleycatadvocates.org).