

## ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPORT FUND

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In 2015, the General Assembly established a new fund to reimburse local governments for certain animal shelter–related expenses that are incurred if either (1) a shelter's registration is denied, suspended, or revoked or (2) there is an unforeseen catastrophic disaster at a shelter.<sup>[1]</sup> Local governments may seek reimbursement for "direct operational costs," which include veterinary costs, sanitation costs, animal sustenance and supplies, and temporary housing and sheltering.<sup>[2]</sup> Local governments receiving support from the fund must share in the costs. The mandated contribution varies based on the given county's development tier.<sup>[3]</sup>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE NC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES WEBSITE:**

<http://www.ncagr.gov/vet/aws/AnimalShelterSupportFund.htm>

[https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter\\_19A/Article\\_5A.pdf](https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_19A/Article_5A.pdf)  
(statute)

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2052%20-%20veterinary/subchapter%20j/02%20ncac%2052j%20.0901.pdf> (eligible expenses)

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2052%20-%20veterinary/subchapter%20j/02%20ncac%2052j%20.0902.pdf> (application guidelines)

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<sup>[1]</sup>. G.S. Chapter 19A, Article 5A.

<sup>[2]</sup>. G.S. 19A-68; 2 N.C.A.C. 52J, § .0901 (regulation detailing the types of expenditures eligible for reimbursement under each of these four categories).

<sup>[3]</sup>. G.S. 19A-68. Tier 1 counties have a 1:3 funds match, while Tier 3 counties have a 1:1 match. See G.S. 143B-437.08 for details regarding the criteria for development tiers.