



Canyon County FY2027 Funding Request Application

APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 30, 2026

Organization Name: Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board

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Requested funding amount: \$2,000

Documents to be included with application, if not applicable please provide statement of why:

- Proposed FY2027 budget
- 3-year budget-to-actual history
- Letters of commitment from any other funding sources
- Letters of support
- IRS determination letter for 501(c)(3) status and documentation that your organization is incorporated as an Idaho non-profit corporation

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR A MEETING WITH
THE BOARD**

Send completed application and attachments to:
Canyon County – Attn: BOCC – 1115 Albany St. Caldwell, ID 83605
OR email to BOCC@canyoncounty.id.gov

FY2027 CANYON COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions; if additional space is required please attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Provide a detailed description of how the funding will be utilized:

Funding received through this program is used to support the salary needs of a dedicated USDA Wildlife Specialist serving Canyon County. These funds ensure that the specialist can respond promptly to reports of predation, conduct site evaluations, implement lethal and non-lethal control measures, and assist landowners with prevention strategies. One key benefit of contracting with USDA WS is that our program is heavily subsidized, enabling ADC funding to go further. Every dollar spent locally is supplemented with federal resources, multiplying the impact and extending the reach of services provided across the county.

2. How does the program/organization benefit the citizens of Canyon County?

Agriculture is a cornerstone of Canyon County's economy and identity. Protecting agricultural resources is not only vital for producers but also for the stability and prosperity of the community. ADC functions to safeguard livestock and crops from wildlife damage, which secures the local food supply and supports the economic wellbeing of countless families and businesses.

Beyond agriculture, ADC plays a critical role in protecting public infrastructure, health, and safety throughout Canyon County. Wildlife-related conflicts can have far-reaching impacts. For example, beaver activity can result in flooded roads, blocked culverts, and damaged irrigation systems, creating costly repairs and dangerous driving conditions. Further, certain bird species, such as European starlings and pigeons, can cause serious sanitation concerns by contaminating water and feed sources, contributing to the spread of disease amongst both animals and humans. Left unchecked, starlings and pigeons can cause significant financial damage to feed lots, dairies, and crops. In 2025 alone, USDA WS euthanized over 33,000 European starlings in Canyon County. Predators also pose direct threat to not only livestock but humans and their pets. Rural and semi-rural areas where families, pets, and livestock live near wild habitats often face interactions with coyotes.

Through science-based management practices, its partnership with USDA WS, and coordinated, timely response, ADC helps minimize these risks in a safe, effective, and legally compliant manner. In doing so, ADC both supports the wellbeing of producers and ensures a safer and healthier environment for all Canyon County residents.

3. Does your program/organization charge any fees for public or citizen use? If yes, please explain.

No, the ADC program does not typically charge fees to the public or individualized citizens for use of its services. Instead, the program is supported through a combination of industry-based assessments and county-level contributions, ensuring that financial responsibility is shared by those who benefit most directly from wildlife damage management.

Funding comes from three primary sources:

- Brand inspections assessments, which are collected during livestock transactions and support efforts for cattle/livestock producers and dairymen.
- Wool grower assessment, which is based on a per-pound fee collected at the point of wool sale and directly funds protection services for Idaho's sheep industry.
- County contributions, such as those provided by Canyon County, which help secure USDA WS personnel and operational support. Contributions from grazing districts also go into this category.

This cost-share model keeps the program accessible to producers and the public while avoiding direct user fees and maximizing the return on investment through federal matching support from USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services.

ADC may consider asking individuals for financial contribution if the requested wildlife control work primarily benefits private interests rather than the broader community. For example, if a vineyard owner in Canyon County seeks assistance with bird control to help prevent crop loss, a cost-share agreement may be established. Because vineyard operations are not a part of the livestock brand or wool funding pools and the services fall outside the scope of general county-funded activities, it would not be covered under the standard ADC program. In such cases, a direct contribution helps offset the cost of providing targeted, private services.

4. How is the program/organization available to the citizens of Canyon County?

The ADC Program is available to all citizens of Canyon County through its partnership with USDA WS. Residents, landowners, producers, and municipalities can contact the program to report and request assistance with wildlife-related issues, particularly those involving threats to livestock, property, public health, or safety. All citizens can call USDA WS on (208) 378-5077 to get connected with a trapper in the area.

5. What are the regular hours of operation?

Monday – Friday, 8AM to 4PM

6. How is the program/organization publicized?

The program is publicized by educating commissioners so that they can share the resource with their constituents. ADC is also publicized through different livestock associations such as the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Wool Growers Association, and the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board.

7. Total hours per year the program/organization is available to the public

2,080 hours

8. Number of citizens served each year?

It is difficult to measure how many citizens are served each year due to the nature of this program. Services are performed on public and private lands, so many citizens benefit from the work of ADC and USDA WS, whether they are aware of it or not. Additionally, predator control on one piece of property often benefits public and private property for miles around.

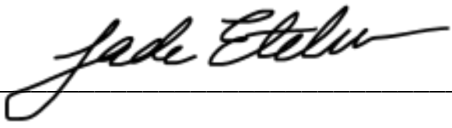
9. How would our contribution reduce or eliminate costs to the County taxpayer?

Contributing to this program greatly reduces and often eliminates costs to county taxpayers. By supporting this collaborative effort, your county is investing in a proven system that prevents far greater expenses down the line.

This year, ADC is requesting \$2,000 from Canyon County for the 2027 Fiscal Year. This modest amount supports wildlife damage control efforts that would otherwise fall solely on individual landowners or county resources. Without this program in place, the county could face significantly higher costs related to property loss, livestock depredation, and public safety issue—all of which would be shouldered by taxpayers.

Our program is proactive and able to function efficiently thanks to the contributions of counties within the state. Your county's contribution allows for services to go much farther than independent contracting would allow. This is a small investment with a large return in terms of protecting agriculture, infrastructure, and rural livelihoods.

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that if awarded the use of these funds will be for the purposes stated in this document only.



Signature of authorized representative

Jade Etelu
Printed name

Executive Treasurer
Title

4/24/2026
Date

Animal Damage Control Board – Additional Documentation

Proposed FY 2027 Budget:

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget for the Idaho Animal Damage Control (ADC) Board is based on our fixed contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services (USDA WS), totaling, \$121,141.00. Additional funding is expected to supplement our budget from variable sources, such as brand and wool assessments and county and grazing district contributions. Revenues typically range from \$50,000–\$60,000 from brand and wool assessment, with approximately \$41,000 received annually from county invoicing in District 2 and an average of \$25,000 from grazing districts.

3-Year Budget-To-Actual History:

This program is structured in such a unique way that a traditional budget-to-actual report does not accurately reflect our financial picture. Rather than operating from a flexible budget model, our program is built on fixed contracts and variable revenue streams.

The primary annual expense is the contract with USDA WS, which is a set amount and agreed upon in advance. USDA WS does not exceed the contracted amount and incurs a modest annual increase of 2–3% yearly to account for inflation.

Contract totals for the last three fiscal years are:

- **FY 2023: \$123,145.70**
- **FY 2024: \$125,628.00**
- **FY 2025: \$128,137.91**

Income for the agency comes from a combination of county invoicing, brand inspection fees, and wool sales. Revenue from brand and wool assessments for District 2 have varied annually, depending on the volume of brand inspections and pounds of wool sold. This portion is inherently unpredictable and is influenced by market conditions each year. For FY 2025, the amount of brand and wool assessments was \$71,872.93.

County invoicing, while not the largest contribution, is the most stable and reliable source of income for ADC to fund USDA WS contract costs. On average, over the last 3 years, District 2 has received approximately \$41,000 annually from county contributions. This consistency provides a strong foundation for planning and covering fixed program costs. There are also grazing districts that contribute on average \$25,000 annually.

Over time, ADC has also established a savings account to help cover expenses in years when brand and wool revenue may fall short. It is important to emphasize, this program

operates on a cost-recovery basis, no profit is made, and all funds are reinvested directly into the program's operations.

Given this financial structure, fixed contracts, variable income, and consistent county support, a traditional budget-to-actual comparison does not provide an accurate or useful reflection of the program's financial health.

Letters of Commitment: N/A

Letter of Support: Attached

IRS Determination Letter for 501(c)(3) status and documentation:

ADC is not a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, but rather a governmental entity created and governed under Idaho state law. As such, we do not hold nor require 501(c)(3) status or its accompanying documentation.

The ADC Board is formed under Idaho Code § 25-2612, which authorizes counties and livestock interests to organize collectively and coordinate animal damage control efforts. This structure is explicitly governmental and collaborative in nature, allowing for accountability, public oversight, and direct alignment with local and state interests in agriculture and wildlife management.



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IDAHO SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH BOARD

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April 20, 2026

Canyon County
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Dear Canyon County Board of Commissioners,

The Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board and the directors of ADC District 2 sincerely appreciate the past support Canyon County has provided for Idaho's Animal Damage Control Programs. Your financial contribution is invaluable in helping us carry out our mission effectively.

Financial support from the county level is a critical funding source. County contributions, along with state wool and brand assessment and grazing district funding, allow the ADC to continue efforts in mitigating animal-related damage and protecting valuable resources across the state. We currently contract with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services to prevent and control damage and/or conflicts caused by predatory animals and other vertebrate pests on federal, state, public, and private lands.

For Fiscal Year 2027, the Idaho Animal Damage Control Board and ADC District 2 respectfully request \$2,000 be included in the Canyon County Budget for our services. These funds directly support continued progress in the control of predators and pests in your county.

If you have any other questions or require further documentation, please contact ADC Executive Treasurer, Jade Etelu. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jade Etelu".

Jade Etelu
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