

## No Place Like Home Challenge – Registration Application - Sample

*Please note, this is a sample application to help you prepare your answers. This sample is provided for reference only, and questions are subject to change.*

### Registration Questions

Maddie's Fund welcomes you to register for our No Place Like Home Challenge! This challenge is for organizations who want to start or expand their Return to Home program for dogs and cats. You can try a new Return to Home practice or expand on something you're already doing, and have a chance at \$150,000 in grants being awarded.

To be considered to participate in the No Place Like Home Challenge ("Challenge"), your organization must:

- be a U.S.-based government animal shelter or 501(c)3 shelter or rescue organization.
- be an active participant in [Shelter Animals Count](#). (If you are awarded a grant prize from this Challenge, you agree to join the Maddie's Fund Coalition in Shelter Animals Count.)
- be current on all grant reporting for any prior Maddie's Fund grants.
- register for the Challenge by submitting a complete application through the [Maddie's Fund Grants Portal](#). You will be notified by our team by Friday, January 29, 2021, if you meet the eligibility requirements to participate in the Challenge.

**Registration Dates:** Monday, January 11, 2021 – Friday, January 15, 2021 (Apply through our [grants portal](#) until 5:00pm Pacific Time on January 15, 2021.)

**Organization Prep Period:** February 1 - 28, 2021. This is your chance to prepare for your new RTH practices (update policies/procedures, train staff, etc.)

**Challenge Period:** March 1 – 31, 2021. During this time, you will pilot your new RTH practices.

**Participation Report Due Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 by 5:00pm Pacific Time (find a sample of that report [here](#))

**Final Report (Zoom Huddle) Date:** Early- to mid-July 2021 (find the sample questions [here](#))

Once you submit your registration application, you will immediately receive an automated email from Maddie's Fund confirming your application has been submitted. If you do not receive this email, please contact the Maddie's Fund Grants Team at 925.310.5450 or [grants@maddiesfund.org](mailto:grants@maddiesfund.org) as your application may not have been submitted. Applications that are not submitted and left as "In Progress" will not be reviewed and will be deleted 10 days after the close of the registration period.

If you have any questions as you're completing this application, please contact Maddie's Fund at 925.310.5450 or [grants@maddiesfund.org](mailto:grants@maddiesfund.org). We generally experience a very high call/email volume during application cycles, and our response time may be up to 48 hours.

1. Please provide your Return to Home rates for the 2019 and 2020 calendar year. To find your rate, use the formula **number of animals returned to owner divided by number of stray animals in**.
  - a. 2019 Return to Home rate:
  - b. 2020 Return to Home rate:
  - c. Do your Return to Home rates above include underage kittens/puppies? *Yes/No*
  - d. Do your Return to Home rates above include TNR/SNR/RTF cats? *Yes/No*

2. Which of the following practices are currently used in your Return to Home program? Select all that apply. [Here is a list of broad Return to Home practices](#), including more specific programs and action items within each practice.
  - a. All animals in the community have identification
  - b. Return to Home policies and lost/found techniques are marketed to the community
  - c. Organization embraces a culture of Return to Home
  - d. Organization works with community to help facilitate Return to Home
  - e. Technology is used to help reunite pets and owners
  - f. Regulations and laws encourage Return to Home
  - g. Animals are returned in the field rather than at the shelter
  - h. Other (please describe below)
    - i. If Other, please explain:
3. Please briefly describe your Return to Home program. (If you do not currently have a Return to Home program, please let us know here.) *1,500 character limit*
4. Which of the following practices are you planning to implement or expand during the Challenge Period? Check all that apply.
  - a. All animals in the community have identification
  - b. Return to Home policies and lost/found techniques are marketed to the community
  - c. Organization embraces a culture of Return to Home
  - d. Organization works with community to help facilitate Return to Home
  - e. Technology is used to help reunite pets and owners
  - f. Regulations and laws encourage Return to Home
  - g. Animals are returned in the field rather than at the shelter
  - h. Other (please describe below)
    - i. If Other, please explain:
5. Please briefly provide specifics for what practice(s) you will implement or expand during the Challenge Period. *1,500 character limit*
6. Do you foresee any barriers/challenges to implementing or expanding these practices? *Yes/No*
  - a. If yes, how do you plan to overcome them? *1,000 character limit*

### **Organization Information:**

Please review your organization's information and make any necessary changes. While posting your annual animal statistics and lifesaving percentage on your website and participating in Million Cat Challenge are not required for this application, the fields will need to be completed.

Please note, our Organization Type options have recently changed. If you've filled that field out previously, be sure to check it to make sure it's still correct.

- Organization Name:
- Legal Name:
- AKA:
- EIN:
- Phone:
- Street Address/City/State/ZIP Code:
- U.S. County:
- Website:

- Please provide the web link to where you are publicly sharing your annual animal statistics on your website (on the same page as your lifesaving percentage):
- Please provide the web link to where you are publicly sharing your lifesaving percentage and how you calculated it on your website (on the same page as your annual animal statistics):
- If applicable, my organization is an active participant in Shelter Animals Count. If this grant is approved, we agree to join the Maddie's Fund Coalition in Shelter Animals Count: *Yes/No*
  - If no, please explain:
- If applicable, my organization is an active participant in Million Cat Challenge: *Yes/No*
  - If no, please explain:
- Annual Cat Intake:
- Annual Dog Intake:
- Organization Type:
  - Government Animal Services
  - Private Shelter/Rescue Organization with Gov Contract
  - Private Shelter – No Gov Contract
  - Rescue Organization – No Gov Contract
  - Other Organization

## Staff Information:

Please provide the following information for the applicant.

- Salutation:
- Name:
- Suffix:
- Email:
- Title:
- Phone:

In addition to the applicant, please provide the above information for the following contacts:

- **Head of Organization (required):** this may be your Executive Director, CEO, etc.; the person who will sign the confirmation letter if this grant is awarded. This contact will need to be given portal access to be able to view and/or edit the application.
- **Payment Contact (required):** the person responsible for receiving the check or ACH email notifications if this grant is approved. This person will not need to be given portal access unless they want it. If the grant is approved for \$5,000 or less, a check will be mailed to the Payment Contact's address. If the grant is approved for more than \$5,000, the Payment Contact will receive emails from Bill.com (1) asking for your organization's account information and (2) notification of payment confirmation.
- **Collaborators (optional):** anyone in your organization collaborating on this project with you, aside from the Head of Organization and Payment Contact. This person will need to be granted portal access to be able to view and/or edit the application.

**Submission Agreement:**

My organization is current on all grant reporting requirements for any previous Maddie's Fund grants or has never received a grant from Maddie's Fund.

*Yes/No/Not applicable, we have never received a grant from Maddie's Fund*

If no, please explain: (500 character limit)

**Please read the following information about this application and opportunity:**

You'll be notified by Friday, January 29, 2021, if you are accepted into the No Place Like Home Challenge. If you do not receive an email from us by the end of the day on Friday, January 29, 2021, please contact us right away on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 925.310.5450 or [grants@maddiesfund.org](mailto:grants@maddiesfund.org). Please note, we generally experience a very high call/email volume during application cycles, and our response time may be up to 48 hours.

If you are accepted into the Challenge, and **to be considered for an award** from this Challenge, your organization must submit a Participation Report to Maddie's Fund at the end of the Challenge period (March 1 – 31, 2021). This report will be due Thursday April 15, 2021 by 5:00pm Pacific Time. A sample of the report can be found [here](#).

Additionally, if you are selected as an award winner from this Challenge, there will be a follow-up grantee report, held via Zoom Huddle in early- to mid-July 2021. Sample questions can be found [here](#).

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By selecting "Yes" below, I agree to the above statements. I certify that I have answered all of the questions on every tab of this application (Registration Information, Organization Information, Submitted By and Staff Information). All the information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that incomplete applications will not be reviewed by Maddie's Fund.

*Yes/No*

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