The Charlotte’s Litter Therapy Dog Program advocates for therapy dog programs in educational settings and is committed to supporting organizations that provide these services. Charlotte’s Litter is currently in its first round of offering financial grants to organizations that meet the following criteria and guidelines. Charlotte’s Litter is a program of Newtown Kindness, Inc. (www.newtownkindness.org).

- **Purpose of grants:** To increase the availability of qualified dog handlers, therapy dogs, and effective programs that utilize therapy dogs in educational settings. Organizations chosen to receive funding will be spotlighted and recognized on the Charlotte’s Litter website (www.charlotteslitter.org).

- **Restrictions for grant usage.**
  - *Grants may only be applied to training, current programs, or developing programs that use therapy dogs in K-12 schools (public or private), after school programs, and library programs. Charlotte’s Litter only funds organizations classified as tax-exempt under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service.*

- **Guidelines and criteria for grant applications.**
  - Written proposal that must include: a description and history of your organization, an outline of the training and/or program, the geographical area that the funding will be applied, and the calculated cost incurred by the organization. Please be specific.
  - Organization legal name, mailing address, phone number, and valid email address
  - A copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter confirming nonprofit status
  - Completed and signed copy of the IRS W-9 form
  - Organization form 990

- **Completion of Grant Evaluation Report.**
  - All organizations are required to complete a Grant Evaluation Report within 12 months after receiving funding. Criteria for the report will be provided to the organization when initial funding is received. Failure to submit the report, will forfeit the organization’s eligibility for future funding.

Proposal and documents can be mailed to Newtown Kindness, PO Box 681, Newtown, CT 06470 or emailed to charlotteslitter@gmail.com. Notification of acceptance or denial will be sent by email within 45 days after receipt of all documents. Charlotte’s Litter reserves the right to determine appropriate funding allocation.