

**Reimbursement of Emergency Expenses
Application Instructions
* Effective August 2011 ***



Purpose:

Ensure the emergency medical care of animal victims of disaster.

Awards:

Currently up to \$5,000 per year can be issued per grantee for out-of-pocket expenses, which are defined as the actual cost of medical supplies purchased directly from a vendor. Modest boarding costs may be covered. Professional/staff time, overhead costs, equipment usage fees and taxes are **not** reimbursable. Travel associated with disasters of significant magnitude to affect a significant number of animal victims, veterinarians and/or veterinary clinics affecting several states may be reimbursed, such as gas, lodging, airfare, and car rental. All awards are based on merit and availability of funds.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- 1) Must be a licensed veterinarian or staff member, such as a licensed veterinary technician.
- 2) Must have provided for the medical care of animal victims of the disaster listed on the application. Preference is given to AVMA members.

Application Procedure:

[Applicants must apply using the online application form.](#) You will be contacted if your application is not complete.

Applicants can request up to \$5,000 in grant funds. If the amount requested is insufficient to cover your needs, please note the final amount that would meet your needs and anticipate that the initial award will be no more than \$5,000. Checks will be payable to the person/entity named in your application.

Note that AVMF must be given permission to use the funded project for future recruitment of funds and receive acknowledgement for funding.

** If you are awarded a grant, we would like to see your photos (via e-mail only), for marketing purposes, but it is not mandatory.

Deadline:

Applications must be received no later than nine (9) months following the disaster.

Direct your questions regarding the application to: ckowal@avma.org

Criteria for awarding reimbursement of emergency medical expenses to qualified individuals: (Please use the actual cost of the items listed. Do not include any additional mark-ups).

Per animal:			
Item	Cat/small pet like ferret <10#	Dog < 40#	Dog >40#
Boarding/housing*			
Rescued/unclaimed animals	\$7/day	\$15/day	\$15/day
Owned, but unable to pay	\$7/day	\$15/day	\$15/day
Minor surgery	\$15	\$35	\$50
Major surgery	\$35	\$50	\$60
Other:			
Item	Reimbursement	Note	
Physical exam	\$15 per animal		
Any injection	\$10 injection		
CBC	\$10 per animal	In-house laboratory work	
Catheters	\$10 per catheter		
Urinalysis	\$10 per animal	In-house laboratory work	
Profile	\$20 per animal	In-house laboratory work	
Cytology (ear swab, etc.)	\$10 per animal	In-house laboratory work	
Fecal exam	\$7 per animal	In-house laboratory work	
Misc. laboratory work	Actual cost	As charged by outside laboratory	
Radiographs (x-rays)	\$20/animal plus \$8/sheet of film		
Ultrasound	\$25/animal		
Fluids	\$10/day (\$7 + \$3/liter of fluid)		
Oral medication	\$3-5/day	Provided in facility	
Dispensed drugs or supplies	Actual cost	As charged by vendor	

* Boarding of animals may be reimbursed for a maximum length of 2 weeks.

** Excluded expenses include: collars, tags, pet food, heartworm testing, heartworm treatment, elective surgery (spay, neuter).