



AVMF National Veterinary Charitable Care Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What are the eligibility requirements?

Answer:

- Must be a current AVMA member veterinarian – **pet owners are not eligible to apply.**
- Have provided veterinary medical care to an animal for illness or conditions requiring immediate care and whose owners are experiencing financial hardship due to :
 - COVID-19: Since March 31, 2021
 - Domestic Violence: Since September 1, 2020
- Have provided eligible veterinary medical care since the program inception dates shown above.
- Grants will not be considered for medical care that has not yet been provided and pre-approvals will not be offered.

Question: Can I request funds for any type of veterinary charitable care?

Answer: Currently, funds can be requested for medical care provided to an animal for illness or conditions requiring immediate care and which are related to 1. COVID-19 Financial Hardship and 2. Domestic Violence situations. **Elective surgery (e.g. spays and neuters) and routine preventative care are excluded** (NOTE: preventative care is only excluded for COVID requests)

Question: Is there a maximum amount I can request?

Answer: Grant applicants may be reimbursed for up to \$500/request for eligible veterinary care related to COVID-19 for a total not to exceed \$2,000 per applicant per calendar year (January through December). These caps allow us to help as many animals and members as possible for requests in this category. **Please Note: Although there is a reimbursement cap of \$500 for requests related to COVID-19, applicants are encouraged to insert the actual expense in each category to assist ongoing program assessment.** Grant requests due to Domestic Violence do not currently have a cap.

Question: Can I apply for COVID-19 and Domestic Violence reimbursement in the same application?

Answer: No, you would need to submit a separate application for each funding area.

Question: Do I have to enroll in this program?

Answer: No, you only need to login and fill out the application and submit it for review.

Question: How do I apply?

Answer: Link to <https://vcare.avmf.org>. When you click on the login button, you will be taken to your AVMA member login. Once logged in, you will be able to begin filling out the application.

Question: Can I apply for recurring care for the same animal?

Answer: This program is not intended to reimburse for ongoing care for the same animal for the same condition. This enables us to help as many animals as possible.

Question: Can I have my practice or office manager complete the application?

Answer: Yes, as long as they know how to login to your AVMA member account.

Question: How will grant funds be paid?

Answer: Payment will be made by direct deposit after a W9 is submitted through our secure online portal.

Question: What if I have trouble logging in?

Answer: Log out of the application portal and avma.org. Clear browser cache or use another browser to login. If problems persist, contact administrator.