



# National Veterinary Charitable Care Grant Program

## Eligibility and Guidelines

### Eligibility

To be considered for a National Veterinary Charitable Care Grant you must meet these eligibility requirements:

- 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.

### Exclusions

- Elective surgery (e.g. spays and neuters)
- Routine preventative care (excluded for COVID-19 requests only)

### Grant Guidelines

- Grants will not be considered for medical care that has not yet been provided and pre-approvals will not be offered.
- 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.
- Grant applications are limited to one request per pet owner household per application.
- If the grant application guidelines are not met, requests for funding will not be considered.
- Submission of a final application is not a guarantee of approval/funding.

### Application

- Applications can only be submitted through the online application portal.
- 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 with your member number and password, you will be able to begin filling out the application.
- Create your application by choosing the grant application form.
- If your practice is on the dropdown list, select it. If not, select 01. Manual Practice Entry.
- If your address pre-populates and it is incorrect, revise the information.
- Fill out all required fields.
- The care story **must** include how and what medical care provided was related to financial hardship due to COVID-19 or domestic violence. Provide enough information to demonstrate to the reviewers that eligible veterinary medical care has been provided.

- If the request involves more than one animal in the household, complete the Patient Information fields for each animal included in the request.
- If the request includes more than one expense category, enter the respective amounts and leave “0” zero as the default for those that do not apply.
- Grant requests for eligible veterinary medical care due to COVID-19 have a cap of \$500. The cap allows AVMF to help as many animals as possible for requests in this category. Grant requests due to Domestic Violence do not currently have a cap. **Please Note: Although there is a reimbursement cap of \$500 for COVID-19 requests, applicants are encouraged to insert the actual expense in each category to assist ongoing program assessment.**
- Save your draft application frequently. You can edit your request prior to submission.
- When you have completed all fields, click on the **Submit as Final** button to apply.

### **Approval**

- If your grant request is approved, you will receive an automated message with a link to the W-9 submission instructions.

### **Payment**

- You will need to submit a W-9 with your practice’s banking information through our secure portal. It is important to submit the W9 as soon as possible to avoid a delay of payment. DO NOT attach a copy of a W9 as it is not PCI compliant.

**Questions?** If your question is not addressed in the Guidelines or the FAQs, contact [avmfncvg@avma.org](mailto:avmfncvg@avma.org).