Pals4Paws Grant FAQ

--**What types of organizations of might qualify for a grant?** Small and more rural shelters, rescues and sanctuaries that do not have many outside funding sources. Most that we give grants to have revenue less than $50-100k yearly. We provide grants to all-volunteer groups preferentially.

--**What is the dollar range of your grants?** Our grants could be as little as $100 to help a small animal rescue with an emergency food supply, up to $2,000 to help with more costly needs (most frequently vet bills).

--**What types of needs will you grant funds for?** Our goal is to help fund your everyday needs so you can keep helping animals.  If you need paper towels and trash bags, pet food or funds to pay a photographer for a couple of hours to take great pictures of your needy adoptable critters we are here to help.  Currently help with vet bills is what we receive requests for most often.  We cannot provide funding for resale items or “human” items (i.e., clothing for volunteers).

**--How do you decide who receives a grant?** Through our grant process we will review your application, charity funding status and other public information (i.e.; tax returns, website).  We do require one or more vet references (directly from veterinarians that you work with most closely). If you are close by, we will do a site visit and otherwise will “visit” virtually.  All-volunteer organizations are given priority.

**--Can you help individuals doing rescue work with grants?** We cannot make grants to individuals; however, we may be able to give a grant to help through a local organization (i.e., directly to a vet or local supporting organization to help a foster animal)

**--Can you give multiple grants to the same organization?** Currently we have a limit of 2 grants per calendar year.  We also try to help our previous grantees with emergency needs and/or through community match campaigns.

**--What might disqualify my organization from receiving a grant?**  If we have provided a grant in the past and your organization has not provided a progress report and photos to share, we will not provide future grants.  Grants will always be based on the financial and other data we receive, vet references consistent with our mission, and at the discretion of the Board of Directors. We strongly prefer all-volunteer organizations.

**--Please be sure your application is complete. We receive regularly applications without signatures, vet reference information etc, and it is difficult to process these. Please note that we need references from your DVM(s) personally.**

**--How do I receive funds after my grant is approved?  How long does it take?** The vast majority of our funds will be provided directly (i.e. to your vet, from supply wish lists, gift cards etc). This helps us be accountable to our donors and also get funding to you quickly. Occasionally we will send a check to the rescue directly if circumstances warrant.

**--Can you donate supplies directly to my organization instead of giving a monetary donation?** Yes, we often do this as a way to meet the needs of our grantees quickly

**--Will you always have funds available for grants?**We rely on donations for our own funding.  We may not have funding available for specific grant requests at the time they come in.  We will process each request and supply funding as it becomes available if the need still exists.  This is why it is so important that the rescues and shelters partnering with us supply us with as many photos, background information, and updates post-grant as possible!  We will try to get publicity out to raise funds for specific needs through our website and social media if it is not available when a grant is approved.