

GVMA FOUNDATION FUND FOR COMPANION ANIMALS



Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility

Veterinarians who are GVMA members in good standing can apply for funding to support cases that meet client, patient and treatment criteria.

Client Eligibility

A case must fit into 2 types of client eligibility-documented financial hardship or temporary financial hardship.

1. Documented financial hardship- documentation of participation in the food stamp program, SSI, or Medicaid
 2. Temporary financial hardship. Due to extenuating circumstances, a client may be eligible for a grant award.
- The veterinarian must fax or mail a letter describing the circumstances causing the financial hardship. The client and veterinarian must sign the document.

Patient Eligibility

The fund provides assistance to treat any animal whose primary purpose is companionship. Animals used for breeding purposes will not be covered. The pet must be sick, injured, or in need of emergency care.

Treatment eligibility

The GVMA Foundation believes that routine veterinary care is an important part of responsible pet ownership. Consequently, physical examinations, vaccines, general prophylactic dental care, flea and tick control products and heartworm prevention will not be covered. Spays and neuters will not be covered unless it can be demonstrated that the procedure is essential to the continued health of the animal (pyometra, testicular cancer, perineal hernias etc.)

Funding Limits

Veterinary practices- Funding is limited to \$750 per year per GVMA veterinarian.

Pet owners- Each pet/family is limited to \$750 per year.

Application Process

Submitting an application: Veterinarians can apply for a grant from the fund by completing a GVMA foundation fund application via fax or mail. Applications must include:

- documentation supporting financial hardship
- a detailed cost estimate for treatment including all fees
- patient diagnosis and prognosis

Application deadline

Completed applications must be received in the GVMA office no later than 1 week after initiating treatment.

Applications received later will not be considered. The fund recommends submitting applications prior to treatment: however, the fund recognizes that in emergency situations this may not be possible. Practices must decide whether to proceed with treatment and subsequently submit an application. An application may be denied at the funds discretion if the client, patient, or treatment eligibility is inappropriate.

Application status notification

A committee of 3 GVMA Foundation Board members will review the application and make a decision.

Payment

Once treatment is provided, the veterinarian submits a detailed invoice along with the information outlined above by fax or mail to the GVMA office in care of the Executive Director. Payment by check is made directly to the veterinary practice. Fund will pay in full invoices not exceeding the yearly limit of \$750. For invoices exceeding the yearly limit, the fund will pay the annual limit.

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Grant Application *(to be completed by the veterinarian)*

Before applying, please review the GVMA Foundation Fund for Animals guidelines to determine eligibility. Please complete the application in full. Your completed application must be received by the fund no later than 1 week following treatment. Incomplete or overdue applications will not be considered. Only GVMA veterinarians are eligible to receive funds.

Date: Hospital Name *and* address:

Hospital Contact Name:

Hospital Phone number:

Hospital Fax Number:

Treating GVMA Member Veterinarian:

Client Name:

Client Eligibility

- Documented Financial Hardship (Documentation providing proof of current participation in the selected program must accompany application.)
- Temporary Financial Hardship- Please provide a letter describing the compelling circumstances causing the financial hardship.

Patient Name:

Species:

Breed:

Age:

Diagnosis:

Treatment:

Estimated Cost of Treatment:_____

Amount to be paid by the client:_____

Amount of Funding requested:_____

A detailed cost estimate or invoice showing all required treatment and fees must accompany application.

Must be signed by the client and treating veterinarian in order to be considered. Please submit your application and supporting documentation by fax or email to the GVMA office attn: GVMA Companion Animal Fund @ 678-309-3361 or linda@gvma.net subject: companion animal fund.

If your application is approved you may be required to obtain a picture (candid or portrait style of dog and owner) and a testimonial from the owner or veterinarian of what this grant means to them.