

REACH Animal Care Program

Reaching Every Animal with Charitable Healthcare

Eligibility and guidelines

Eligibility

To be considered for a REACH Animal Care Program grant you **must meet the following requirements**:

- Be a veterinarian who is a current AVMA member pet owners are not eligible to apply.
- Have provided veterinary medical care to an animal for an illness and/or condition requiring immediate care and whose owners are experiencing financial hardship.

Exclusions

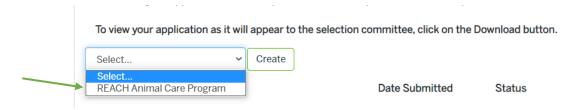
- Elective surgery (e.g. spays and neuters)
- Routine preventative care.

Grant guidelines

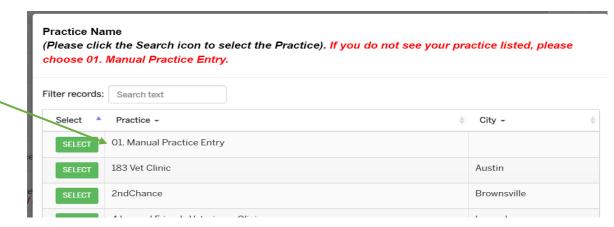
- Grants are not considered for medical care that has not yet been provided. Therefore, pre-approvals are not available.
- Each charitable care grant request may be funded for up to \$500 per case as determined by reviewers, for a total not to exceed \$2,000 per applicant per calendar year (January through December). These caps allow us to help as many animals and veterinary practices as possible, nationwide.
- Grant applications are limited to one request (may include multiple patients) per animal owner/client.
- 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 REACH Animal Care Program application portal.
- Visit 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.
- First, you will need to select REACH Animal Healthcare Program from the dropdown menu to create your application.



 Verify your prepopulated "AVMA Member Veterinarian Information." Be sure to select your **Practice Name** from the selection menu. If your practice name is not listed, select "01. Manual Practice Entry".



- If your address pre-populates and it is incorrect, revise the information.
- Be sure to fill out all required fields.
- The application must include a detailed description of the case presented, how and
 what medical care was provided, and the outcome. Please provide as much information
 as possible (including photos and/or video if appropriate) to demonstrate to the
 reviewers that immediate veterinary care has been provided as per the program
 quidelines.
- 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 in the field as the default for those that do not apply.
- You can stop and start your application any time. Be sure to save your work periodically prior to final submission.
- When you have completed all fields, click on the Submit as Final button to apply.

Approval

- You will receive email notification of your application status within 10 business days from the date of submission.
- If your grant request is approved, you will receive a link to important W-9 instructions for securely submitting your practice's bank account information

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. As a precaution, DO NOT attach a copy of a W9 to any email communication.

Questions? If your question is not addressed in the guidelines or the FAQs, contact avmfreach@avma.org.