

Help a Buddy Fund: Bella Bucks Emergency Donation Application Eligibility

Application Deadline:

Applications are accepted year-round for an emergency donation in an amount up to \$500 while funds are available. You will be contacted by electronic mail once the Board of Directors has reached a decision on your application, within 4 weeks of receiving your application.

Eligibility Checklist

| Help a Buddy Fund Grant Requirements |
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| Good Standing: The animal welfare group can demonstrate a positive relationship within the community and does not have any searchable publications regarding a history of animal abuse or neglect, or investigations of animal cruelty by Animal Care Control (ACCC) or the Alberta SPCA |
| Proof of Federal Registered Charity Status: Proof of registration (including charitable registration number) as a charitable organization whose primary objectives are animal rescue/pet adoption. Charities must operate within Alberta. |
| Copy of Most Recent Financial Statements: We require financial statements that have been produced within 6 months of the grant application deadline. These statements should highlight any recent veterinary emergency surgery costs, either paid or outstanding that you are requesting the funds to cover. In the case of a pending emergency surgery, a quote from the veterinary clinic on the surgery costs must be provided. |

Application Guidelines

Who can Apply?

Animal rescue groups who meet the following criteria may apply for one of our grants offered:

- Operates within Alberta
- Non-profit organizations registered as a federal charity whose primary purpose involves pet rescue, pet adoption and/or humane animal care. The Help a Buddy Fund grants are not available to individuals or for-profit businesses.

Eligible Projects

This fund serves to help with animal welfare groups in need of funding for emergency veterinary surgeries for foster animals in their care. An **emergency surgery** is defined as an unforeseen veterinary treatment of an animal that has been taken into care by the animal welfare group and where the veterinary treatment could not be delayed by more than 30 days without causing harm to the animal. It is intended for reimbursing the cost of emergency surgeries already performed, or those pending within 30 days of the application.

This grant **cannot** be used to support veterinary treatments where the animal's condition is/was known for 30 days or more prior to treatment and where the treatment could be delayed by more than 30 days without causing harm to the animal.

Funding Limits

Our emergency donations are only available while funding lasts. We will provide funding to the first organization(s) who meet our eligibility requirements. The same animal welfare group cannot be given a Bella Bucks small emergency donation more than once per calendar year.

Application Approval Process

Applications are reviewed by our Board of Directors within 4 weeks of submission. Successful applicants will be contacted via electronic mail to arrange delivery of the funds offered. Funds will be distributed to the recipient within 5 business days following confirmation of the appropriate method of payment.

Final Reporting

All animal welfare groups that have been approved for a Help a Buddy Fund grant are expected to submit a Final Report and Final Expenditure Summary on the use of the Help a Buddy grant funds by December 31st of each calendar year. This will be a short summary indicating how the funds were used to benefit one or more animals in their care, supplemented with either a receipt or financial statement that indicates the use of funding.