

GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERINARY CARE AND RESCUED ANIMALS

1. Scope:

There are above two billion animals in our country roaming around freely in the streets and everywhere. A number of them are not cared enough and are left either wounded or suffering from various diseases. Though we have shelter houses operating at various places their number is not adequate and the facilities provided are insufficient. In such a situation it becomes imperative that Animal Welfare Organisations (AWOs), Urban Local Bodies, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) are to be encouraged to provide veterinary care and maintain the rescued animals in the shelter. The scheme will endeavour to fulfil this gap and provide requisite services for uncared animals. The scheme will have following components:

(A) Assistance for Veterinary Care for Rescued and abandoned animals:

2. Objective of the Scheme:

To Provide financial assistance to AWBI Recognised Animal Welfare Organisation, Urban Local Bodies, SPCAs, Government Institutions maintaining rescued and abandoned animals for Medicine and veterinary care for rescued and old animals.

3. Eligibility:

- I. AWBI Recognised Animal Welfare Organisation, Urban Local Bodies, SPCAs established under SPCA Rules, 2001, Government Institutions maintaining rescued and abandoned animals for Medicine and veterinary care for rescued and old animals.
- II. The applicant must have a minimum of three years of relevant experience or demonstrate competence in proposed activities.
- III. The applicant should have a properly constituted Managing body with its powers, duties, and responsibilities clearly defined and laid down in a written constitution.
- IV. The Gaushalas / Pinjrapoles / Animal Welfare Organisations should have Unique ID number duly obtained from NITI Aayog DARPAN Portal and should have valid 80G Certificate. However, the same would not be required if the applicant is SPCA or Government Departments or Local Bodies.
- V. The financial assistance will be provided to those applicants which has capacity to house more than 100 animals. In case of Government

organizations such as SPCA, Government Departments, Local Bodies, this restriction would not be applicable.

4. Components of the Scheme:

- (i) Purchase of medical equipment.
- (ii) Purchase of medicines.
- (iii) Establishment charges – cost of engaging Veterinary Doctors/ Para Vets and Ambulance Drivers

5. Funding Design of the Scheme:

- I. The fund flow for financial assistance will be provided by the AWBI from the grant-in-aid received from the Central Government under the Scheme, as per the norms prescribed by the Department of Expenditure and General Financial Rules.
- II. The funds will be made available to the eligible applicants, based on first come first serve basis and till the availability of fund during the particular financial year.
- III. The fund shall be released, subject to furnishing the bond, pre-receipt and other requisite documents by the applicant.
- IV. The applicant shall submit information regarding other financial assistance received from the State Government or from any other government bodies during the financial year.
- V. The details of financial assistance to be provided to the eligible applicants under Regular Grant Scheme shall be as stated in **Annexure-I**.

(B) Assistance for Grants for maintaining rescued animals:

The AWBI shall also provide Grants for animals rescued from time to time by the SPCAs/ Gaushalas / AWOs / Pinjrapole from illegal transportation, slaughter etc. based on the FIRs lodged / court directions in accordance with the Law for sheltering them. The details of financial assistance under Rescued Cattle Grant shall be as stated in **Annexure-II**.

Note: For the purpose of these schemes, the small and large animals shall be as under: -

- 1) Small animals - Cats, dogs, sheep, goat, rabbit and others

2) Large animals - Cows, Calves, Buffaloes, Bull, Equine and others

6. Mode of application:

The application for seeking financial assistance under Regular and Rescue Cattle Scheme shall be accepted through online portal developed by AWBI. A copy of the sample online application is attached at **Annexure-III**.

7. Process of Sanction and Release of Funds

- I. The application submitted in the prescribed format will be scrutinised by the O/o AWBI, which shall communicate the deficiency, if any, within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application.
- II. The applications after due examination and approval by the competent authority shall be placed before the Recognition and Grants Committee of the AWBI for their consideration and recommendation.
- III. Upon recommendation by the Recognition and Grants Committee, the sanction letter along with the Bond, Pre-receipt etc. will be issued to the applicant. Notwithstanding anything to the foregoing, if required, an inspection will be undertaken by the State Animal Welfare Board / State Animal Husbandry Department / District SPCAs or by the authorised inspection team of the Board.

8. Utilisation of Grant:

- I. The applicant shall have to open a dedicated savings bank account in any Scheduled Bank having the Online Banking system. The Bank account to be mapped with the PFMS system.
- II. The applicant shall utilize the financial assistance for the specific purpose and component as prescribed under the scheme.
- III. The assistance provided under the scheme shall be completed within 12 months of the release of grants.
- IV. The applicant shall specify the details of expenditure made out of the fund received from the Board.
- V. The financial assistance released shall be reflected in the audited accounts of the organization.

- VI. After the expenditure of the fund, the organization shall furnish certificate to the Board to effect the same with the copies of Bills along with the Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format of GFR19-A (as per rule 212(1)). A statement of expenditure incurred duly audited by the authorized auditors / Chartered Accountant with UDIN number to be furnished.
- VII. Provided, in case the sanctioned amount exceeds Rs. 450,000/-, the amount will be released in two equal instalments. The second instalment will be released after receipt of utilization certificate duly attested by the authorized auditors / Chartered Accountant with UDIN number within a period of six months.

9. Inspection and Audit:

- I. The Board from time to time will specify the nature, type and periodicity of the inspection and audit and the agency which will be designated to carry out the inspection and the audit.
- II. The accounts shall always be open to check by an officer/agency deputed by the Government. It shall also be open to check by Comptroller and Audited General of India at his discretion.

10. Recovery of Grants:

- I. In case of failure to comply by any or all conditions mentioned in the scheme guidelines, sanction letter, Bond etc., it shall be liable to refund the whole or such part of the grant as the Government may decide with interest thereon

Annexure-I

Number of animals sheltered	Financial Assistance for Small animals in rupees	Financial Assistance for large animals in rupees
100 to 250	25000/-	1,00,000/-
251 to 500	50000/-	2,00,000/-
501 to 1000	1,00,000/-	3,00,000/-
1001 to 2000	1,50,000/-	4,50,000/-
2001 to 3000	2,00,000/-	6,00,000/-
3001 to 5000	2,50,000/-	8,00,000/-
5001 and above	3,00,000/-	10,00,000/-

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Annexure-II

Type of animal	Financial Assistance
Cattle and Camel	Rs. 80/- per animal per day
Equines	Rs. 150/- per animal per day
Dog and other small animals	Rs. 30/- per animal per day

Provided that the financial assistance shall be considered for sheltering of these rescued animals for maximum two years and the maximum ceiling of financial assistance shall be Rs. 5,00,000/- annually.