

GUS HAWTHORNE FOUNDATION, INC

Policy: Funding Guidelines for Applicants

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The Gus Hawthorne Foundation (GHF) was established to provide financial support to animal non-profit organizations for care for abused, abandoned, feral, at-risk domestic or exotic animals; or care and/or release of injured/orphaned wildlife.

Assistance will be considered for organizations meeting the criteria stated below.

APPLICANT GUIDELINES

The applicant must be an IRS 501(c)(3) corporation based in the USA and the animals must be cared for in the USA.

If the applicant's State requires registration with their State's Charity Division/Bureau/Agency, the organization must be registered and in good standing. This applies to States where registration is voluntary. This is not the same as the federal 501(c)(3) ruling.

Successful applicant's annual operating budget will be less than \$200,000.

The organization's proposed project must primarily serve animals and not humans.

GRANTS REQUESTS THAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

- Endowments (funds held by or for the applicant that will be invested for income).
- Land acquisition or land lease expenses.
- Fundraising expenses and sponsorships.
- Political activity, lobbying or litigation costs.
- Staff or volunteer training.
- Applications that are submitted via a hardcopy; they must be electronically submitted.

SOME EXAMPLES OF APPROVABLE FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- Food, medical supplies, medical treatment or other animal related supplies.
- Products such as clothes washer/dryer, incubator or freezer.
- Veterinary services such as spay/neuter of cats/dogs, training or products for prospective service animals or care and treatment of animals.
- Facility additions or improvements with direct animal benefit.

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GRANT AMOUNTS

Most grant awards will not exceed \$2,500.

RESPONSES TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

The GHF is staffed by a volunteer board of directors that has limited capacity to correspond with prospective applicants. If the applicant organization has a question, please re-read these Funding Guidelines. If questions persist, please send a succinct e-mail to gushawthornefoundation@gmail.com and use the words APPLICATION QUESTION in the subject line.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Applications are not accepted via snail mail. You must use the electronic form, which is found on our website during the open application period.

The GHF Board of Directors will review applications during March. GHF may have follow-up contact with finalist applicants including phone conversation and/or site visit.

All approved or conditionally approved applicants will be notified in writing by the end of April.

Applicants not funded will not be notified.

Approved funding will be disbursed no later than the end of April or as soon thereafter as any conditions are met by the applicant.