

Heart2Heart Grant Eligibility

The following criteria will be used to determine if funds will be awarded for an animal's care:

- The financial need of the animal owner.
- The opinion of the treating veterinarian as to the medical necessity, urgency, and prognosis for the treatment needed.
- The demonstrated capability of the owner to take responsibility for his/her animal.

All funding requests for all domestic companion animals will be considered at Heart2Heart's discretion. We will NOT cover farm animals, animals owned by breeders, or animals used for research or commercial purposes of any kind

BASIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

All information is required. Only completed applications will be considered for funding.

1. The applicant must be seeking assistance for necessary medical care of a pet.
2. Our grants are typically between \$100 and \$500. Grant decisions are based on several factors including: medical necessity, financial need, available funding and eligibility.
3. Heart2Heart grants are given directly to the veterinarian who provides the service. Funds are never given directly to the grant recipient. Funding pledged will be available for 30 days after approval.
4. The applicant must obtain a diagnosis and treatment plan before applying and provide a complete cost estimate from your veterinarian on medical care needed for your pet.
5. Provide proof of financial need. Examples: SSI, unemployment, disability, Wisconsin Works.
6. Provide us with a photo of your pet.
7. Agree to allow us to include any, all or part of your story and a picture of your pet in our promotional materials (we will not include your real name)
8. The applicant must live within 20 miles of the city of La Crosse.
9. It is expected that the applicant will bear some financial responsibility. A copay of \$25 is required. The applicant is responsible for the balance of the veterinary bill over the grant amount.

Heart2Heart does not cover the following:

1. Reimbursement for already completed treatment or help with an outstanding bill.
2. Treatment if you have already received assistance from Heart2Heart in the past 12 months.
3. Aid for elective surgery, (surgery not required for health).
4. Treatment for a pet that is terminally ill, with little or no chance of survival.
5. Routine dental cleaning
6. Routine care - annual/exams, spay/neuter.

Heart2Heart is not responsible for loss of pet due to any procedure performed.