

## **NAVS Sanctuary Fund Guidelines**

### **Purpose**

The Sanctuary Fund has been created to serve animals who are in emergency situations, where immediate intervention is necessary; enabling groups to receive the money they need to act quickly and ensure safe and loving lifetime care for all the animals involved.

The Sanctuary Fund is national in scope, and although NAVS' primary focus is on laboratory animals, the Fund considers emergency requests for all animals, not just those used in research.

Please review these guidelines carefully before you apply for a Sanctuary Fund grant. There are no deadlines for proposals; they are reviewed as needed. Every attempt is made to respond to funding requests within six weeks of receipt of application.

### **PRIORITY FUNDING**

1. Priority Funding is given to victims of natural disasters (a sudden, unexpected event that causes serious loss and destruction and requires immediate intervention), for example; tornados, hurricanes, fire, flood, etc. where animal lives are at risk and/or immediate survival is threatened; habitats/enclosures have been destroyed.

*\* Video, pictures and/or written documentation may be required*

While we recognize the importance and immediacy of all work with animals, please carefully review your situation to determine if it falls within the guidelines of our emergency funding requirements. If not, you may be eligible under the criteria of the secondary funding areas of the Sanctuary Fund. Please keep in mind that due to the priority funding of emergencies, limited funding is available for other areas.

### **SECONDARY FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

*Secondary Funding grants are awarded on a one-time basis (although there may be exceptions) for:*

1. The relocation of animals who have been used in research facilities, roadside zoos, the entertainment industry to a safe, permanent sanctuary. (Exotic pets and animals rescued from slaughterhouses are also covered.) Funding includes transfer and initial veterinary care costs. Animals must be obtained legally, and lifetime housing and maintenance expenses must be arranged BEFORE applying for a grant.
2. Wildlife rehabilitation.
3. Unique and innovative approaches to alleviate or prevent animal suffering, such as spay/neuter programs.

The Sanctuary Fund does not award grants for the following:

- General operating costs *including: food bills, veterinary bills, compensation, etc.*
- Capital costs
- Lobbying efforts
- Scholarships

### **CRITERIA**

- IRS Letter of Determination
- Latest Audited Financial Statement
- Any additional background information on your organization you feel may be useful to us