

Steps to the Application Process For the Applicant

1. Visit the Paws 4 A Cure Ask For Help page. <http://www.paws4acure.org/askforhelp.php>
2. Read the guidelines and policies thoroughly.
3. Complete the online application.
4. Your application will go into Incomplete Status.
5. Add grants@paws4acure.org into your email address book. Do not just send an email, you **MUST** apply for assistance. We cannot donate or share your GoFundMe page.
6. You will need to provide the Veterinary Packet to the treating veterinary practice or direct them to our Veterinary Professionals page. Do **NOT** write on the any of the veterinary documents. The Veterinary Packet are for the veterinary practice to complete. The veterinary practice should email or fax their documents directly to Paws 4 A Cure.
7. You will email or fax your required documents to Paws 4 A Cure.
8. You will receive an email acknowledgment within 24 hours of receipt of your required documentation. If your required documentation is not received, your application will be closed.
9. If all of yours and your veterinary practice's required documentation is received, your application will go into Pending Status.
10. We **strongly urge** you to apply to several different financial assistance programs along with applying to Paws 4 A Cure, links to which can be found on our Helpful Resources page. **DO NOT RELY ON A PAWS 4 A CURE GRANT ONLY.**
 - You will have to provide Paws 4 A Cure with the names of the organizations that you have applied to and the dollar amount that they have approved.

Before your application for financial assistance can be reviewed, you are required to email or fax the following documents for all members of your household that are over 18 years of age. Do not mail your documents, it delays the process. Once all of the required documentation are received from you and the treating veterinarian, Paws 4 A Cure will start the application review.

If your required documentation is not received within 48 hours of your online application, the application will move from Incomplete to Closed status. You will have to reapply for assistance.

If the application for assistance is approved:

1. You will receive an approval email with an acceptance letter that you are to provide to the treating veterinary practice.
2. You will complete the requirements so that Paws 4 A Cure can create your dog or cat's fundraising page. Once you receive the email that your fundraising page is completed, you are **REQUIRED** to fundraise by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates with your friends, family and local news media to help generate donations for your dog or cat's veterinary care. We cannot use your already existing GoFundMe page.
3. Your dog/cat will receive the veterinary treatment.
4. The veterinary practice will email or fax the detailed invoice to Paws 4 A Cure.
5. Paws 4 A Cure will send a check via the U.S. mail to the veterinary practice within 30 days following receipt of an itemized invoice emailed or faxed by the veterinary practice.

If you are approved, you are **REQUIRED to fundraise by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates with your friends, family and local news media to generate donations for your dog or cat's veterinary care. You must provide Paws 4 A Cure the contact information for the news media that you reached out to. You must provide the links to the online news media articles. If you do not fundraise for your dog or cat's veterinary care, Paws 4 A Cure will not send payment to the veterinary practice.**