



# Regional Grant in Aid Application

Please complete and email to [finance@rdco.com](mailto:finance@rdco.com) for consideration.

**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for Grant-in-Aid funding must be submitted by:

- Regional funding - September 30<sup>th</sup> each year for funding requested for the subsequent year.
- Electoral area funding - February 28<sup>th</sup> each year for funding requested for the current year.

Have you attached your organization’s financial statements and a program budget outlining the total cost of the project or program and other sources of funding to the application?

## Applicant Information:

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person & title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Organization Information:

President	_____	Telephone	_____
Secretary/Treasurer	_____	Telephone	_____
Registered Charity	Yes: _____	No: _____	_____
Year founded	_____	Registration date	_____
# of staff	Full Time: _____	Part Time: _____	_____
# of volunteers	Full Time: _____	Part Time: _____	_____

## Grant Request Information:

Amount of Regional Grant in Aid requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of funding being requested:     Regional     Electoral Area

**Provide a detailed description of the project or program for which funds are being requested:**

Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society is a 100% volunteer-run non-profit society serving communities throughout the Regional District of Central Okanagan. We are requesting funding to support the direct rescue, rehabilitation, and responsible rehoming of dogs within the RDCO service area. Funds will be used exclusively for program-related expenses, including: veterinary care (spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, emergency and preventative medical treatment), microchipping and licensing support, food and essential care supplies, training and behavioural support where required, liability insurance and program-related operational costs. All dogs in our care are placed in volunteer foster homes within the community, where they receive 24/7 in-home care, medical and psychological rehabilitation, socialization, and preparation for adoption. Because we have no paid staff, 100% of funding received directly supports animal care and community benefit. This program ensures dogs are healthy, behaviourally supported, and responsibly placed into permanent homes within the Central Okanagan, contributing to long-term community well-being and public safety.

Demand for rescue services continues to increase, while veterinary costs — particularly for emergency and specialized care — have risen significantly in recent years. A 2023 Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) report revealed that veterinary services prices have more than doubled since 2019. In their 2025 report, CVMA estimated the rate of increase is currently 6-8% per year on average, close to triple the rate of general inflation. Our dog care expenses have risen accordingly, as shown in our audited financial statements for 2025. As a fully volunteer-run non-profit with no paid fundraising staff, our revenue is generated through adoption fees, individual donations, and small-scale fundraising initiatives. These sources fluctuate and are not always sufficient to meet rising medical and care costs. Grant funding from the RDCO would provide stability and allow us to continue delivering high-quality care without reducing intake or compromising standards. Funding support ensures we can responsibly accept dogs in need within the Central Okanagan while maintaining appropriate medical, behavioural, and adoption practices.

As a volunteer-operated organization, we maintain prudent financial oversight. Funds are allocated directly to program expenses, with careful tracking of veterinary invoices, supply purchases, and operational costs. Decisions regarding intake and expenditures are made collaboratively to ensure sustainability and responsible growth. We operate within our financial capacity and do not accept dogs beyond what our foster network and budget can responsibly support. Our model emphasizes transparency, cost control, and accountability to donors, supporters, and funding partners.

**How does your project or program strengthen and enhance the well-being of the community, promote volunteerism, and support the [goals and priorities of the Regional District of Central Okanagan](#)?**

Our program directly supports the RDCO's goals related to community well-being, volunteerism, and responsible service delivery by leveraging community volunteers to provide essential animal welfare services without reliance on paid staffing. Paws It Forward strengthens community health & safety by ensuring dogs are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped prior to adoption. We promote responsible pet ownership and help prevent unplanned litters, roaming animals, and strain on municipal animal control services. This contributes to public safety and reduces long-term community costs. We are also available to help Dog Control directly and take dogs in. Through adoption events, social media outreach, and direct engagement with adopters, we promote humane education, responsible pet guardianship, and community involvement. Our work encourages residents to volunteer, foster, and adopt locally, strengthening neighbourhood connections.

Paws It Forward's mission to rescue innocent dogs from distressing life-or-death situations and 100% volunteer-run operation has resulted in outstanding volunteer engagement in the region. Core volunteers contribute up to 40 hours/week, coordinating intake, veterinary care, adoption screening, and community outreach. Foster volunteers provide continuous, in-home care for dogs placed within their households. While exact hours for the foster volunteers are difficult to quantify due to the continuous and home-based nature of foster care, we have up to 150 families fostering dogs throughout the year, conservatively volunteering 8700 total hours per year beyond the routine day-to-day care. Additional volunteers support fundraising events, adoption events, and administrative tasks. In total, our volunteer network contributes over 32,800 hours annually within the RDCO. This represents substantial in-kind value and community participation. We plan to invest in and expanding our volunteer program to stay ahead of increasing fundraising and operational needs at current capacity.

**Statement of impact on the organization if the funding is not received:**

If funding is not received, our organization would be required to reduce intake capacity, delay non-emergency veterinary procedures, and rely more heavily on urgent fundraising efforts to meet medical needs. This would directly reduce the number of dogs we are able to rescue and place into permanent homes within the RDCO. Reduced funding would also increase strain on volunteers and limit our ability to participate in community outreach and education initiatives. Ultimately, fewer animals would receive preventative medical care, and more pressure may fall on municipal and regional systems. Support from the RDCO enables us to continue providing preventative, community-based solutions that reduce long-term costs, improve overall animal welfare, and encourage a large group of passionate and committed group of volunteers within the region.

## Internal Use Only

Application meets the eligibility criteria according to Regional Board Policy BP22-2025 Grant in Aid

Yes       No

If no, provide the reason:

If yes, date approved to forward to Board for consideration:

File/Reference Name:

Employee Signature:

## Regional Board Authorization (if applicable)

Application approved by the Regional Board:

Yes     No

Meeting Date:

Board Resolution:

**THAT**

Comments:

**Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society**

**Financial Information**

**September 30, 2025**

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# **Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society**

## **Financial Information**

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**September 30, 2025**

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## Compilation Engagement Report

### To the Directors of Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society

On the basis of information provided by the Society, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society as at September 30, 2025, the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

The Society is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist the society in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by the society. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Kelowna, Canada  
December 12, 2025

*Crowe MacKay LLP*  
Chartered Professional Accountants

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## Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society

### Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

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For the year ended September 30,	2025	2024
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations	\$ 476,482	\$ 289,590
Adoptions	270,801	303,628
Fundraising	106,902	145,080
Clothing	12,172	6,582
	<b>866,357</b>	<b>744,880</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Advertising and promotion	6,734	317
Clothing	5,171	3,674
Dog care	5,867	16,339
Fundraisers	39,251	50,229
Interest and bank charges	2,732	2,743
Office	53,225	24,927
Pet food	28,944	27,365
Pet supplies	9,762	12,337
Professional fees	45,615	11,050
Transportation	59,073	110,431
Veterinarians	694,618	485,655
	<b>950,992</b>	<b>745,067</b>
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(84,635)</b>	<b>(187)</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>44,742</b>	<b>44,929</b>
<b>Net assets (deficit), end of year</b>	<b>\$ (39,893)</b>	<b>\$ 44,742</b>

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# Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society

## Statement of Financial Position

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September 30, 2025 2024

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### Assets

#### Current

Cash	\$ -	\$ 49,114
Accounts receivable	12,830	10,049
Inventory	9,062	5,790
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	\$ 21,892	\$ 64,953

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### Liabilities

#### Current

Bank indebtedness	\$ 20,983	\$ -
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	38,665	18,074
Due to directors	2,137	2,137
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	61,785	20,211

### Net Assets

<b>Net assets (deficit)</b>	<b>(39,893)</b>	44,742
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	\$ 21,892	\$ 64,953

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Approved by the Directors:

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

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# **Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society**

## **Notes to the Financial Information**

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**September 30, 2025**

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### **1. Basis of accounting**

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society as at September 30, 2025 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended is on the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of the following:

- ♦ accounts receivable net of allowance for doubtful accounts
- ♦ inventory accounted for at cost
- ♦ accounts payable and accrued liabilities
- ♦ related party transactions recorded at the exchange amount

The Society did not pay any remuneration to any of its directors during the year.

### **2. Comparative amounts**

The financial information has been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.