

## **Scheme for Provision of Ambulance Services to Animals in Distress**

### **Introduction:**

A large number of domestic, stray and uncared for animals need care and protection particularly in times of natural calamities such as floods, droughts, famines, forest fires etc. in addition animals frequently suffer from injuries and disabilities as a result of road accidents or diseases. The infrastructure for provision of emergency services to animals is almost non-existent and there is a need to strengthen the capabilities of organization working in the field at the grass root level through out the country.

### **2. Programme Objective:**

The basic objective of the scheme will be to make available emergency services to animals in distress through out the country by provision of appropriate assistance to competent organization working in the field.

### **3. Items for which assistance will be given:**

Under the scheme financial assistance will be provided to eligible organizations for non-recurring expenditure alone:

- i) Purchase of suitable vehicles for transportation of animals as well as for modifications necessary in the vehicle for the purpose.
- ii) Equipment and fittings in the vehicle;

The recurring expenditure will be borne by the implementing agency only.

### **4. Eligibility for Assistance**

Under the scheme, grants shall be sanctioned subject to terms and conditions laid down by this Ministry and provided application for the same is received as per prescribed proforma. The agencies eligible for assistance shall be as follows:

- (i) State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, local bodies.

- (ii) **Institutions or organisations set-up by Government as autonomous bodies either under a statute or as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or otherwise.**
- (iii) **Educational and other institutions of the like local bodies and cooperative societies.**
- (iv) **Non-Government Organisations meeting the following requirements:**
  - (a) **It is a registered body under an appropriate Act so that it gets a corporate status and a legal personality and group liability is established for its activities.**
  - (b) **It has an appropriate administrative structure and a duly constituted managing/executive committee.**
  - (c) **The aims and objectives of the organization and programmes in fulfillment of those aims and objectives are precisely laid down; and**
  - (d) **The organization is initiated and governed by its own members on democratic principles, without any external control.**
  - (e) **The organization shall not run for profit to any individuals or a body of individuals and shall take an undertaking to submit periodically and punctually reports and returns as prescribed from time to time by the Government of India Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.**
  - (f) **The concerned organization should have been registered for a period of two years.**

#### **5. Funding Pattern**

**Upto 90 percent of the cost of the project will be provided by the Government of India and remaining shall be borne by the organization/Institution concerned.**

#### **6. Extent of support to the project**

**Under the programme while no pre-defined cost heads shall be stipulated, at the project formulation stage each implementing agency shall submit a detailed proposal clearly bringing out programme modalities and individual expenditure heads. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment while approving the projects shall indicate the**

extent of support to the project as a whole as well as to each component of the project which shall not be variable except by prior approval of the Ministry. The Staffing norms and honorarium for full time and part time staff will broadly be on the pattern of the other schemes of the Ministry.

#### **7. Application and Sanction**

An organization desirous to apply for grant-in-aid under this programme will send its application to an authority or body designated for the purpose by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

On receipt of the application for grant-in-aid inspection will be undertaken by the prescribed agency. On the basis of the inspection report of the prescribed agency the proposal will duly be processed.

#### **8. Inspection**

The Ministry from time to time will specify the nature, type and periodicity of the inspection and audit and the agency which will be designated to carry out the inspection and the audit. The entire expenditure on this account will be borne by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from within the budget allocation for this programme.

#### **9. Release of Grants-in-aid:**

The grant will be released to selected organisations in two equal half yearly instalments. The first instalment (50 per cent) will be released as soon as possible for the year to which the application pertains. An audited statement of accounts and the performance report for the previous year shall, however, be required before the second instalment is released. An organization shall before it receives assistance from the Government of India execute a Continuity Bond valid for 5 years in the prescribed proforma to the effect that in the event of its failure to comply by any and or all the conditions of the grant shall be liable to refund the whole or such part of the grant as the Government may decide with interest thereon.

**Should the actual expenditure on the items for which assistance was sanctioned fall below the level at which the grant determined, the organization shall be liable to refund unutilized portion of the grant to the Government of India. The organization must exercise reasonable economy in expenditure on approved items. The organization shall maintain separate accounts of the grants received under this scheme. They shall always be open to check by an officer deputed by the Government of India. They shall also be opened to test check by Controller and Auditor General of India at his discretion. The organization shall maintain a record of all assets acquired wholly or substantially out of government grant. Such assets shall not be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for purpose other than those for which the grants were given without prior sanction of the Government of India.**

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