



## Animal Welfare Grant Program – Priorities for Round 4

**This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the Program Guidelines to provide guidance to applicants for Round 4 of the Animal Welfare Grant Program.**

Recognising the important role of companion animals and wildlife to the lives of Western Australians, the Animal Welfare Grant Program aims to improve the welfare of animals through grants for not-for-profit activities.

The funding can be used for three categories of activities:

1. Free or low-cost veterinary services, including companion animal desexing, for Western Australians who are economically or otherwise disadvantaged.
2. Services, systems, infrastructure or equipment that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of animal rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of companion animals in Western Australia.
3. Services, systems, infrastructure or equipment that improve the rehabilitation of displaced and injured wildlife in Western Australia.

To ensure that grant funding achieves the greatest impact on the welfare of companion animals and wildlife in Western Australia, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has identified priority areas for each of these categories. The priorities aim to focus investment on gaps in current delivery of community-based animal welfare activities or on complex issues that would benefit from additional support.

DPIRD supports activities that improve the welfare of animals in WA and is not limited to those activities within the priority areas. Applicants should consider whether they have the expertise and capability to effectively deliver the proposed project.

Category	Priority
Free or low-cost veterinary services, including companion animal desexing, for Western Australians who are economically or otherwise disadvantaged	Projects that support animal management and welfare in remote communities.
	Projects that benefit the welfare of animals of people experiencing hardship (e.g. homelessness).
Services, systems, infrastructure or equipment that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of animal rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of companion animals in Western Australia	Projects that offer temporary housing of companion animals of people experiencing hardship (including those affected by natural disasters) with a view to reuniting them with their original owner.
	Projects that aim to improve the rehoming rate of companion animals that are typically difficult to rehome.
Services, systems, infrastructure or equipment that improve the rehabilitation of displaced and injured wildlife in Western Australia	Projects that promote collaboration between wildlife rehabilitation organisations to reduce sector fragmentation and duplication.
	Projects that support the rehabilitation of wildlife affected by natural disasters.