

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2024



APPLICATION FORM

2025 Grant in Aid

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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MANDATORY: REVIEW "POLICY 4-01 COMMUNITY GRANT IN AID" DOCUMENT
REVIEW "APPLICATION CHECKLIST" ON PAGE 4 OF THIS DOCUMENT

Applicant Information

Application Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

11/08/24

Full Legal Organization Name

Ferals Forever Loved Society

Street Address

1326 Vought Street

City

Merritt BC

Prov

BC

Postal Code

V1K 1B8

Organization Website

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/Ax1MVYD7tfxZi6PF/>

Organization President /

YD7tfxZi6PF/

Executive Director

Melanie Griffiths (President) Chris Marie

Title

executive Director

Phone Number

250 280 9834

E-Mail

melaniegriffiths14@gmail.com

Contact Person (if different)

Chris Marie (executive Director)

Title

Phone Number

250 566 3174

E-Mail

cdolbec@yahoo.com

Organization Information

Not for profit?

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Yes

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No

Registration Number

waiting on Approval

Did you receive a Permissive Tax Exemption in 2025

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Yes

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No

Did you receive a Grant in Aid in last two years?
(Include \$ amount of financial and/or in-kind received)

2024

no

2023

no

Organization Information

Current Fundraising Initiatives (500 characters or less)

Account @ Merritt Bottle Depot (Kittens with Mittens)
Account @ Merritt Vets office (Kittens with Mittens)

Mission Statement/Purpose (500 characters or less)

My objective is to help Spay and Neuter
Stray and Feral Cats to help with the
overpopulation in Merritt BC

Brief Description of Organization (1,000 characters or less)

Please don't hesitate to attach supporting documents with further information about your organization.

Declaration (Two Authorized Signatures Required)

- 1) On behalf of and with authority of the Organization, I certify that the information given on this grant application and attachments is true, correct and complete in every respect and if the Organization is awarded the grant, agrees to abide by the established grant terms and conditions.
- 2) The personal information collected on this form is done so pursuant to the *Community Charter* and/or the *Local Government Act* and in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The personal information collected herein will be used only for the purpose of processing this application or request and for no other purpose unless its release is authorized by its owner, the information is part of a record series commonly available to the public, or is compelled by a Court agent duly authorized under another Act.
- 3) Neither the City of Merritt or any Member of Council, individually or collectively, is in any way responsible for any deficits or cost over-runs in relation to any event or initiative.

Print Name of Board Chair or
President

Christine Dolbec

Signature

CDolbec

Print Name of Person
completing the application

Melanie Griffiths

Signature

Melanie Griffiths

Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)

11/03/24

APPLICATION CHECKLIST - ALL REQUESTS

☐ **2025 Grant Report** - If you received a Grant in Aid in 2024 you will be required to submit a final report to Council in order to be considered for 2025 funding. This may include actual revenues/expenses, attendance, and economic/social impact of the grant.

☒ **Completed and signed Grant in Aid application.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST - REQUESTS OVER \$1,500

☐ **Budget** - Include a detailed budget for the program, project or event, including all potential revenue sources.

☐ **Financial Statements** - include annual financial statements that are certified (signed) by a Director (or alternate) of the organization.

☐ **Organization Budget** - Include the current annual operating budget for the organization.

☐ **Long-Term Plan** - For recurring applications, please provide a business plan showing how the organization intends to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on the City Grant in Aid program in the future.

[SUBMIT TO FINANCE@MERRITT.CA](mailto:FINANCE@MERRITT.CA)

Proposal Request

Program / Project / Event Name

Spay Neuter Release Program

Description of Event (1,000 characters or less)

Account @ Bottle Depot (Kittens with Mitten)
Account @ Vets office (Kittens with Mittens)
Sometimes people donate cat litter and cat food, I am asking 100.00 adoption fee to cover the cost of vet bills
We also did a bottle drive.

Please don't hesitate to attach supporting documents with details about your program, project or event.

Type of Funding Request



Financial Aid



In-Kind

Contact Facility Booking Department at (250) 315-1050 for a quote for your event

Amount Requested

1,400

Maximum of \$7,500 per organization or \$500 per teams/individuals participating in recognized competitions

Program Budget

8,000

Percent of your Program Budget covered by this request

17.5

%

(i.e. a \$1,000 grant would cover 10% of a \$10,000 event)

Tell us how much money you have fundraised for this event. \$

2360.00

Please explain how your Organization or Event plans to increase external fundraising in the future. (500 characters or less)

- Bottle drives
- Fundraising Dinner
- Fundraising BBO



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November 6, 2024

The Honorable Michael Goetz

Office of the Mayor
CITY HALL
City of Merritt
Box 189, 2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8

Dear Mayor Goetz,

I am writing to bring attention to a collaborative initiative that the Merritt Veterinary Hospital is proud to be part of, and to seek your support for the important work being done by the Kittens With Mittens rescue organization.

As you may know, Kittens With Mittens is a new local organization dedicated to rescuing cats in need, providing them with life-saving care, and ultimately finding them loving forever homes. As part of our community commitment, Merritt Veterinary Hospital partners closely with Kittens With Mittens to ensure these animals receive comprehensive veterinary care, including wellness exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, and emergency treatments for those in need.

This partnership has allowed us to directly impact the lives of countless rescued cats who might otherwise face difficult circumstances. However, the financial demands of running a rescue organization and providing medical care to animals in need are significant, and Kittens With Mittens will be relying heavily on donations, grants, and community support to continue its mission.

We are reaching out to you, as the Mayor of Merritt, to request your consideration for municipal funding or support for Kittens With Mittens. With your assistance, we could expand their reach, improve the quality of care, and ultimately control the feral cat population better. By supporting this initiative, the city would not only be helping to improve the welfare of animals but also contributing to the health and safety of our community by reducing stray populations and the spread of preventable diseases.

The work done by Kittens With Mittens has proven to have a positive impact on both the local pet population and our community, and with your help, we can ensure that they continue their

Name introduction

I am applying for a Grant in Aid in the amount of 1400.00 for our society called Feral Furever Loved. Formerly known as Kittens with Mittens.

Established June 1st 2024. I became aware of this crisis when I moved into my house and inherited 16 stray cats with the property.

I work closely with the Merritt Vet Clinic, they have been very supportive with offering a discount on surgeries and the Kamloops SPCA that accepts cats and kittens, donates food and bedding. I have acquired equipment out of pocket, including two live traps, 6 XL wire crates.

Thus far we have trapped 80 cats and kittens in the Merritt area. All are vetted, vaccinated. Some are brought to the SPCA, others are adopted out locally. The adopters pay the vet bill, and a 100.00 (as of October 12, 2024) adoption fee to help off-set the cost of fostering, laundry, cleaning supplies. Many are feral so it takes considerable amount of time to acclimatize and accept human touch. Each kennel is cleaned three times daily, all are fed twice daily. Some are re-released from where they were trapped if a guardian continues to feed and monitor the cats. We refer to this as TNR, Trap Neuter, Release.

We continue to explore relationships with other animal welfare organizations, explore fundraising ideas. Currently we have an account at the bottle depot, and the vet clinic accepts donations via e-transfers. Our goal is to attain fosters, volunteers and to include the community to address this issue.

Many of these cats were abandoned after the floods, many are a product of people not spaying and neutering. It is nothing less than a crisis. Strays and ferals live a harsh and neglected life, the life span is roughly 5-7 hard years. A female cat can have up to four litters a year. I estimate there are roughly 100-150 intact abandoned cats remaining. We need your support more than ever.

PS I will be giving this grant
Directly to the Merritt vet
office so I can Spay
and Neuter.

Melanie Dyke

invaluable efforts. Whether through direct funding, a municipal grant, or other forms of assistance, your support could make all the difference in the success of this critical program.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued commitment to the well-being of all members of our community, human and animal alike.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anais Roy

Veterinarian, DVM

Merritt Veterinary Hospital