

Community Assistance – Cat De-Sexing Fund Criteria and Guidelines

At the Hamilton City Council meeting held on 21 May 2019 the Council agreed to establish an annual contestable cat de-sexing fund of \$100,000.

The conditions of the fund are:

1. Funds must only be used for the cost of de-sexing stray or abandoned cats.
2. The focus of the de-sexing programme must be de-sexing and re-housing of the cats, not de-sexing and release.
3. Applicants must show a track record of delivering an organised de-sexing programme through which at least 100 cats a year are desexed.
4. The funding allocation can only be used for cats found within the Hamilton City Council boundaries.
5. Operational costs, euthanasia costs and costs associated with de-sexing wild/feral or privately-owned cats will not be funded.

Application process:

How much is available?	\$100,000 per annum
How much can I apply for?	No limit, however be mindful the total funding pool is \$100,000
When can I apply?	Fund opens (annually) 1 September Fund closes (annually) 10 October
Grant decision	Applicants will be advised in early November

What are the funding considerations?

Funding priority will be given to:

- a. Groups/ entities with a proven track record of a cat de-sexing programme.
- b. Groups/ entities with a proven track record of re-housing stray or abandoned cats.

Who can apply?

Any individual or entity demonstrating a track record of delivering an organised cat de-sexing and re-homing programme, of at least 100 abandoned cats, in Hamilton.

What will not be funded?

- a. De-sexing of cats sourced from outside Hamilton City boundaries.
- b. "Desex and release" initiatives.
- c. De-sexing of cats who already have a home or are privately owned (contact Humane Society. <http://humanesociety.org.nz/desexing-your-pet.html>)
- d. Organisation operating costs.
- e. Euthanasia costs.

How do I apply?

Applications can be made online through Hamilton City Council Smarty Grants system

<https://hamilton.smartygrants.com.au/>

What must accompany the application?

- a. Applicants must attach evidence/records (verified by a vet) showing proof of their cat de-sexing history.
- b. Annual budget showing projection of the number of cats applicants expect to handle over the next 12 months and the expected cost of de-sexing.
- c. Evidence of re-housing cats.
- d. Annual financial accounts.

Who assesses and decides on the outcome?

Assessment of the applications will be done by the Council's staff. Applicants may be visited by the Council's staff as part of the assessment process. Final decisions will be made under the delegated authority of the General Manager City Growth.

What happens if my application is successful?

If an applicant is allocated a grant, they will be required to sign a grant agreement form and provide an accountability report by August of the following year. Accountability will include receipt of payments and cat de-sexing records. The accountability report will be on Smarty Grants ready to complete at least three months prior to the due date.

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