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Territory Business Services Grant Response Template: Financials, Issues & Ideas

Companion Animal Care Grant

- **Organisation Name:** Pets and Positive Ageing Inc
- **Reporting Period:** 2024-2025
- **Date Submitted:** 6/7/2025
- **Contact Person:** Penny Canning-Menon, Secretary/Treasurer,
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Summary

Pets and Positive Ageing: Enhancing Lives Through Companion Animal Support

Pets and Positive Ageing is delighted to have been a recipient of a grant under the ACT Companion Animal Care Grants Program. This vital funding allowed us to successfully design a proposed Pets and Wellbeing Service, a comprehensive proposal for Community Service and Aged Care Organisations, outlining how they can support older Canberrans in caring for their beloved pets when they're no longer able to do so independently. The program design includes a realistic and innovative funding model to support the proposed service sustainably.

The project has developed multiple presentation and proposal documents to guide and inform organisations that may be ready to deliver this program. These include:

- Community Needs Assessment
- Focus Group Outcomes
- Program Design
- Funding Model

We are now moving into the next phase of this crucial project for the ACT community. Pets and Positive Ageing will be reaching out to identified institutions, presenting a cost-effective and highly beneficial program to seamlessly integrate into their existing community support services. This initiative aims to ensure that older Canberrans and their cherished animal companions can continue to live full and enriched lives together.

Financial Reporting

A. Budget Summary

Budget Summary

Category	Amount Budget	Actual Expenditure
Personnel	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$
Vet bills	\$	\$
Other (Focus Group Expenses and	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

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engagement with specialists)		
Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

Narrative Explanation

All funds were expended as described in the application:

"Fees to develop a project proposal to advise and guide like minded organisations to deliver a cost effective sustainable program to deliver a service to older Australians and their companion animals."

"In-kind support and advice from Align Agency/Cherished Pets Foundation, information and research to assist program development".

			Allocation	
Date	Description	Amount	Funding	Expenditure
	Personal information	5000	5000	
10/10/2024	ACT Companion Animal Care Grant	15000	15000	
06/02/2025	Align Agency & Cherished Pets Foundation Program Proposal Development	-5000		5000
10/02/2025	PAWS program Focus Group - Voucher reimbursement	-391.65		391.65
10/02/2025	Align Agency & Cherished Pets Foundation Program Proposal Development	-280		280
25/06/2025	Align Agency & Cherished Pets Foundation Program Proposal Development	-5000		5000
26/06/2025	Align Agency & Cherished Pets Foundation Program Proposal Development	-5000		5000
27/06/2025	Align Agency & Cherished Pets Foundation Program Proposal Development	-1220		1220
Paws Project		\$3,108.35	\$20,000.00	\$16,891.65



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Issues and Challenges

A. Operational Challenges

- There were no operational challenges encountered during the completion of this project.

B. Financial Challenges

- There were no financial challenges to completing this project.
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Ideas and Innovations

A. Process Improvements

- The application and deed process went smoothly.
- Pets and Positive Ageing Inc are staunch supporters and advocates of older Canberrans taking their pets on public transport to support community engagement and independence - we would like continued engagement with Transport Canberra on this issue.

B. Program Enhancements

- Pets and Positive Ageing Inc has affirmed and strengthened relationships with Companion Animal Network Australia (CANA), Council on the Ageing ACT (COTA) and Cherished Pets Foundation. This effort in relationship building will benefit both Pets and Positive Ageing Inc and the organisation that adopts the program framework. PAPA will assist the host organization with relevant advice, PAPA's extensive and relevant contacts and the promotion of the program.
- Information that has emerged through designing the program has produced valuable benefits that PAPA has both taken up directly and also passed on to other agencies.
- Over the course of the activity, it was determined there has been a change in the current structure of many Community organisations, which has informed the eventual funding model and program design.

C. Additional Feedback

- Again, Pets and Positive Ageing Inc are extremely grateful for the opportunity to apply for and successfully undertake the proposed project which will benefit older Canberrans who are pet owners and the welfare of their pets.
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6. Attachments

- 1. Community Needs Assessment
- 2. Focus Group Outcomes
- 3. Program Design
- 4. Funding Model
- 5. Proposal, Accepted Quote Align Agency and MOU with Cherished Pets Foundation
- 6. Reimbursement for Gift Vouchers - Grant - Focus Group



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- 7. Align Agency INV- [REDACTED] - Pets and Positive Ageing Inc.
- 8. Align Agency INV- [REDACTED] - Pets and Positive Ageing Inc

7. Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Di Johnstone AM

Title: President, Pets and Positive Ageing Inc

Personal Information

Signature [REDACTED]

Date: 6/7/2025