



# The International Bengal Cat Society ®

## Distressed Bengal/Bengal Rescue Assistance Program

The International Bengal Cat Society's Assistance Fund provides TIBCS with a flexible means to grant money to assist Bengal Cats cared for by members that are rescues or in immediate distress.

Any applicant under consideration to receive money from the International Bengal Cat Society's fund must meet the following guidelines:

1. An applicant must be a TIBCS member for a minimum of 6 months.
2. Funds must be used only to provide immediate assistance to Bengal cats that are in an EMERGENCY situation.
3. The request must be approved by the Distressed Bengal/Bengal Rescue Assistance Fund Committee and the Board of Directors of the International Bengal Cat Society. The Fund Assistance Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors. A minimum of 5 members shall serve on this committee. Committee members/Board members or their household members may be eligible for funds, if they are TIBCS members in good standing and meet funding guidelines, but will not be eligible to sit in review of their requests approval or denial. Committee/Board members requesting assistance or those committee/board members with a member of their household requesting assistance must excuse themselves from approval/denial processing in order to avoid a conflict of interest.
4. All grants are subject to contractual agreement.
5. Request must be for a specific purpose and in written hard copy signed form, filed and processed according to guidelines set forth.
6. All grants will benefit the Bengal community at large rather than an individual.
7. Documentation will be kept on file for a minimum of 7 years.

### **The following will not be considered for funding:**

- No documentation of the emergency/expenses. All requests for assistance must be accompanied by supporting documentation.
- Emergencies that can be eliminated by other means i.e.; homeowners insurance, government disaster relief, breeder, placement fees, etc..
- Travel expenses
- Salaries
- Expenses in excess of what is deemed reasonable and typical. Fund assistance will not exceed verifiable dollar per dollar value of the Bengal cats in need of assistance.

- Emergencies that do not have the means to eliminate/alleviate the total emergency past assistance received.
- A member's personal belongings, emergencies or financial assistance.
- Non Bengal cats. In the case of rescue, no attempt has been made to contact the original breeder.
- An individual who has not been a member of the Society for six months. Non-members.
- A membership with a funding request pending or a project currently funded by the Bengal Rescue/Distressed Bengal Assistance program. No membership will be eligible for funds more than 1 time in 3 years. Fund assistance will not exceed verifiable dollar per dollar value of the cats in need of assistance.
- Memberships with an unresolved disciplinary action on file with the International Bengal Cat Society. Members with disciplinary action pending from a government agency pertaining to cats/animals in their charge.
- Assistance that provides funds for illegal activities.
- Assistance that would be in direct opposition to the society's mission statement, bylaws or articles of incorporation.
- Requests for allocations exceeding 20% of the total documented, eligible expenses.
- Unless unusual circumstances exist, requests for general operating revenues will not be considered.

There are two equal funding periods of the Club year. Funds will be allocated and divided into the funding periods based on contributions to the fund. Funds not utilized in the first funding period will be eligible to have 50% of those funds transferred to the following funding period. Funding period allocations will be set in January.

Applications requesting assistance postmarked by midnight of the first funding period ending June 30<sup>th</sup> will be considered within the first period and applications received thereafter will be considered for the second funding period Beginning July 31<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Assistance Fund Committee will present requests for funding to the Board of Directors. They will not exceed allocated funds for the funding period. They will not request funds for ineligible activities. A report will be generated within 1 month of the funding periods end date. The report will include a breakdown of number of cats assisted per dollar and number of members assisted. The funding period will prove that the assistance program is within reasonable and typical costs per emergencies. Follow up on funds granted will be documented with end results noted.



**The International Bengal Cat Society, Inc.**  
**Distressed Bengal/Bengal Rescue**

## Application for Assistance

*Established in 2004, the DISTRESSED BENGAL/BENGAL RESCUE ASSISTANCE FUND operates as a 501(C)(3) extension of The International Bengal Cat Society, Inc. private operating corporation devoted to promoting the well being of the animal community, the Bengal Cat in particular. Among our guiding values is the belief that animals have rights to experience a life of respect, free from unnecessary suffering/distress.*

Applications should be mailed to (include a self-addressed postcard to each of the following to acknowledge receipt):  
Assistance Committee Chair

and to:  
TIBCS Recording/Correspondence Secretary

All applications will be kept confidential and will not be open to the membership at large although, the membership will be made aware of assistance provided.

### How to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to submit an email INQUIRY to determine if the intended funding request falls within the scope of TIBCS's funding program. Please include a brief description of your emergency and the amount and purpose for the request, along with your name, length of TIBCS membership and contact information. The purpose of this inquiry is to avoid the time and effort in presenting a full application for requests that are simply out of the scope of our grant program.

E-mail inquires can be sent to [grantschair@tibcs.com](mailto:grantschair@tibcs.com)

**GRANT REQUESTS** will be considered on a continuous basis throughout the year. Grant applications will be reviewed no later than 60 days from receipt.

The grant application should include the following:

1. **Cover page**

Please include your name, address, phone number, email address and the date of application, if you have applied for assistance in the past from TIBCS (when, and results of that application; approved/denied) or have a pending request on file with TIBCS, and your social security number.

2. **Purpose of funding**

A full description of the emergency, date occurred or date animal was placed in your care with supporting documentation, the amount of grant request and total funding needed to alleviate the emergency (make sure verifiable documentation is included), and a very brief summary of how funds will be disbursed. Please keep this within 300 words.

Please describe how this funding will address the emergency situation, and what is the anticipated time to complete/relieve the situation.

3. **Description of finances/documentation**

Please list/document the expenses accumulated because of this emergency. And identify where other sources of funding will be/have been acquired. Grant recipients must have the financial potential to complete/sustain relief of the emergency situation for which funding is sought following the period of requested assistance.