

Appendix 1: Summary of Grants Received by TAS (2017-2023)

The summaries below highlight two of the grants TAS has received since 2017. They outline how grant funding is an important resource that helps TAS deliver on its priorities which help achieve its desired City-wide outcomes.

Improving Access to Care (2022)

- Grant Provider: PetSmart Charities of Canada
- Grant Amount Total: \$115,000

This grant was provided under PetSmart Charities' [Improving Access to Veterinary Care](#) Grant Program. The goal of the program is to support recipients in addressing barriers to veterinary care in local underserved communities. In 2022, TAS was awarded \$115,000 and used the funds to advance community outreach with Toronto's Indigenous and Black communities.

With support from the grant funding, TAS engaged with an Indigenous and Black community facilitator and an Indigenous coordinator, which helped TAS build over 10 new partnerships with new community agencies working with Black and Indigenous populations. In collaboration with community partners, TAS also held a survey and a focus group, which totalled to 105 participants and enabled TAS to better understand the barriers and needs faced by the City's Indigenous and Black communities when it comes to accessing veterinary care and supplies.

Following the completion of its community outreach activities, TAS worked with third-party consultants to produce two reports which summarized the outcomes of TAS' engagement with Toronto's Indigenous and Black communities, respectively. As a wrap-up, TAS also submitted a summary report to PetSmart Charities in March 2023.

COVID-19 Aid Program for Pets (2020-2021)

- Grant Provider: Scheinberg Relief Fund and PetSmart Charities of Canada
- Grant Amount Total: \$264,140

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, TAS was awarded \$156,100 in 2020 and \$78,000 in 2021 by the Scheinberg Relief Fund to support TAS' COVID-19 Aid Program for Pets. PetSmart Charities also granted TAS \$30,040 in 2020 for the same purpose. Funding was used to deliver gift cards to over 600 families to help ensure pet owners impacted by COVID-19 were able to continue to maintain and care for their pets throughout the pandemic by purchasing essential pet food and supplies.