

HUMANE SOCIETY YUKON

POLICY: USE OF BELLA FUND

Background

- The Bella Fund exists in order to fund significant and “out of the ordinary” medical interventions that can enable an animal to be fostered and to lead as normal a life as possible following the intervention.
- In many or most cases, a decision must be made on an emergency basis, where time is of the essence to save an animal’s life or quality of life. The following policies have been developed with this in mind.

Policies

1. All contributions to and expenditures by the Bella Fund will be recorded by the Treasurer, who will maintain a running account of funds available.
2. A report on the Bella Fund (contributions, expenditures, funds available) will be made available to the Manager, Mae Bachur Shelter at the end of each June, September, December and March.
3. For all Bella Fund expenditures, there must be a reasonable likelihood of success with the medical intervention according to the prognosis and advice of a qualified veterinary surgeon.
4. Bella Fund expenditures under \$1,000 are approved by the Manager, Mae Bachur Shelter, and the information sent as soon as possible to the President of the HSY Board for review at the next Board meeting.
5. Bella Fund expenditures of \$1,000 or more are approved by the President, Vice-President, or Treasurer of HSY (as available, in that order). If none of these Directors are available within the timeframes required to make the best decision regarding a medical intervention for an animal, the Manager may make the decision and follow up with the Board at the earliest opportunity.
6. Any unused Bella Fund dollars are rolled forward at the end of March each year into:
 - a. The Bella Fund, up to a maximum of \$10,000; and
 - b. General funds, if there is excess funding of over \$10,000.