Pre-proposal guidelines (Note: Failure to follow the guidelines will be cause for rejection)**:**

USE LINK TO SUBMIT REQUIRED INFORMATION https://veccs-awards.awardsplatform.com/:

Document name – Please name your document for submission – "PI Last name_ RUNNING TITLE_grant_preproposal_2026"

Complete pre-proposal must not exceed two pages (single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font)

A. TITLE: The name of the project

B. INVESTIGATORS: Include the name and contact information for principal investigator, and the names of co-investigators.

C. BACKGROUND: Include the importance to the public and veterinary emergency and critical care. Applicants should specifically address how the project will allow veterinarians to practice more broadly along the spectrum of care. Larger grants must test a diagnostic or treatment protocol that would have broad applicability and provide a significant cost savings over the "best option" recommendations. (limit: 500 words).

D. HYPOTHESIS AND OBJECTIVES: (limit: 100 words)

E. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: This should include availability of sufficient caseload and proof that investigator(s) is appropriately equipped with skills, personnel and equipment necessary for completion of study (limit 500 words). A power analysis to determine necessary patient numbers and statistical planning should be documented.

F. BUDGET: This should be divided into key components and include justification for each expense as indicated in the template (note that full-time salaries, overhead, and equipment are not acceptable for the $25,000K grant).

G. PROPOSED TIMELINE: Elapsed time from start to finish of the study must be no more than 24 months.

H. REFERENCES

The Awardee will be required to provide a 6-month report by March 9, 2026 and is expected to either present a poster at IVECCS 2028 (no pre-approval required) OR submit a general abstract proposal for review in April of 2028 for presentation at IVECCS in September 2028 (if accepted). Interim reports will be required every (6) months until the final report is presented. VECCS Gives should be acknowledged in any presentation and/or publication.

***Note:* The VECCS Gives Research Grant is designed to give preference to clinically oriented projects that utilize clinical cases and subjects to investigate lower-cost care options for common conditions seen in emergency or urgent care settings. Terminal projects will not be considered for funding.**