

Grant ID: 1498

Title of Proposal: Free Spay/Neuter Program

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$24,991.00

Check Payable To: Halifax Humane Society

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Halifax Humane Society

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Position: Community Outreach Director

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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/13 **End:** 12/31/13

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,156,564.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,613,819.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 49 Part Time: 5

Number of Active Volunteers: 480

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 700.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Word of Mouth

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2014

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- ☒ Unlimited Intake Shelter
- ☐ Limited Intake Shelter
- ☐ Foster Network
- ☐ Animal Control

Organization Structure:

- ☐ City, county, or tribal agency
- ☒ Private nonprofit agency
- ☐ Other
- ☐ TNR Group
- ☐ Rescue Group

- ☒ Spay/Neuter Services
- ☐ Rescue Group
- ☐ Other

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

8274 cats and 4174 dogs were admitted.
1689 cats and 2478 dogs were adopted.
5756 cats and 664 dogs were euthanized.
6210 cats and 4947 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption?

Yes

If not all, what percentage of animals are not currently sterilized before adoption?

If not all, how are animals selected for sterilization before adoption?

If not all, describe your sterilization policies and procedures for assuring sterilization after adoption:

Give additional background information on your organization's programs as they relate to this application and the qualifications of the personnel who will be in charge of this program. Show that you have the ability to carry out this program.

The Halifax Humane Society exists as an open door shelter, the last remaining open admission facility in Volusia County. Caring for over 20,000 animals annually is a financial drain for our donors and an emotional drain for the people who care about the animals we serve. In order to fulfill the HHS mission to protect all animals in our care, the HHS is focusing all efforts in reducing intake through sterilizations. The opening of our high volume spay/neuter clinic has moved us closer to our goals of reducing intake. The HHS currently performs spay/neuter surgeries at the shelter on approximately 4,000 animals annually, both adopted and publicly owned. With the addition of the Redinger Spay/Neuter Clinic we will have the capacity to perform 8,000 additional surgeries at the offsite clinic.

If you currently have a program for sterilization of cats and/or dogs, describe your current level of funding and productivity and why additional resources are needed?

HHS is determined to remove all barriers or excuses that prevent owners from sterilizing their animals. We believe this is the best way to curb the animal overpopulation problem which is why we currently offer low cost services. Despite our low cost services, there are still individuals who cannot afford to pay the surgical fees. While our low cost services are offered year round and funded by HHS donations, this grant would allow us to do surgeries free of charge for a limited time.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Volusia County
Total human population in target area:	500,800

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	84,160
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	151758
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	125200
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	83467
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	8274
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	4174
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	5756
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	664

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.
The data is accurate.

Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:

For several years, cats have made up a large portion of HHS intake and euthanasia. Our current data proves that trend continues today. Cats made up 63% of the shelter's YTD intake and 77% of the shelter's YTD euthanasia. Feral cats currently account for the majority of cat intake while Pit Bulls make up the majority of dog intake. These two groups will be the target of this grant request.

What kinds of spay/neuter services are currently available in the target area and in what ways are these resources currently insufficient to meet community needs?

There are currently low cost sterilization services available through the HHS and Volusia County. While these services help the general public, the HHS is dedicated to targeting feral cats and pit bull and pit bull mixes in order to decrease the number of animals entering our shelter. The best way to fight the problem we face daily is to offer these services free of charge. In caring for over 15,000 animals annually, day to day expenses are enormous. The Florida Animal Friend grant will provide the needed funds to deliver this much needed program to our community.

Florida Animal Friend is highly supportive of proposals that are focused on animal populations that are identified as substantial sources of dog or cat overpopulation rather than being diluted over too broad of a geographic area or diverse animal populations. Describe the specific target animal population of the spay/neuter project proposed for this grant:

☒ Pets in low-income families ☒ Pit Bull / large breed dogs ☐ TNR managed colonies of feral cats ☒ Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned) ☐ Other

TNR Managed Colony Feral Cat Program/Community Cats (Free-Roaming and/or Owned) Program

Define the precise boundaries of the colony or targeted area, including estimate of square miles.

N/A

What is the criteria used for determining the target area(s) and/or eligibility for this program?

N/A

Describe whether the targeted area is rural, suburban, or urban. Is it commercial, residential, agricultural, or a designated special land use?

N/A

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 0

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 0

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 0

For TNR program, describe the ability to maintain lifelong care for remaining cats, commitment level of volunteers/organizations, etc.

N/A

Detail any public education/outreach, adoption programs, etc.

Do current city/county ordinances address TNR or free-roaming cats?

No

Please explain what is allowed:

(NOTE: FAF will not fund any program this is inconsistent with local ordinances.)

For TNR program, list any groups or government agencies who support this TNR effort:

N/A

Describe any effort to lessen the negative impact on local wildlife.

N/A

Describe efforts that will be made to mitigate current or potential nuisance issues.

N/A

Will the cats be ear-tipped? Yes

Will the cats be microchipped? Yes

Provide any additional information that will help the grant selection committee understand how this program will operate to achieve its goals.

N/A

Objectives

What do you hope to accomplish with these funds (objectives should be specific and quantifiable)?

With these funds we will sterilize 257 cats and 100 pit bull and pit bull mixes in the month of September 2015. Total grant sterilizations will be 373.

How does this program increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline?

Through the high volume spay/neuter clinic, the HHS has raised the baseline by 8,000 surgeries annually. Funding for these 357 surgeries will allow us to focus on the existing animal intake problem of feral cats and pit bulls.

Methods

What criteria will you use to determine eligibility for your program?

Dog sterilizations will be breed specific and only pit bull and mix owners in Volusia County will be eligible. The HHS will be working closely with local rescue groups for feral cat sterilizations as well as individuals who support feral colonies through feedings.

How will you advertise the program? Explain how the advertising will reach the target audience.

The HHS has secured free billboard advertising for the grant and will leverage existing relationships with the Daytona Beach News-Journal and local radio stations to advertise using those mediums.

How will you address barriers to full use of the program such as transportation, illiteracy, and cultural hurdles?

The HHS will provide transportation to and from the clinic. We are currently working with several individuals and groups to address barriers such as cultural and illiteracy to include city commissioners, police, and animal control in target areas.

Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe the vehicles, methods for confinement, personnel training, liability releases used to assure the safety of the animals and handlers.

Yes, the HHS currently operates a transport program with full liability insurance. All staff are fully trained to handle and restrain animals safely and securely.

Veterinary Services**Objectives****What arrangements have you made with veterinarians to perform the surgeries?**

The HHS employs a full time staff veterinarian who will be the project lead and conduct all surgeries.

Are they: ☒ In-house ☐ Private Vet(s) ☐ Combination

Veterinary Practices**Fee Range**

What is the fee range to be paid for spay and neuter and what is the distribution to be paid by the client vs. the grant program? Keep in mind that Florida Animal Friend grant funds may only be used for costs directly associated with sterilization surgery (including anesthesia and pain control) and not for other items such as vaccines, testing, licensing, and capital purchases.

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$65.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$65.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>

Please check each item below to indicate additional services offered at the time of surgery, whether the client is required to pay for them, and if so what the fee is. For example, if an examination is required for surgery but is not charged to the client it would be marked: Required ☒ Yes, Fee to client ☒ No

	Required, Optional, or Not Offered	Fee to Client?
Examination	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabies Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Pain Medication	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
Licensing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

Ear tipping ☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available ☒ No ☐ Yes

Other ☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available ☒ No ☐ Yes

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

All animals receive full vaccinations and leave the clinic with pain medication. Both services are free to the client. Feral cats are ear tipped.

Is this a voucher program? No

If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the percentage that result in S/N surgeries?

Community Collaboration

To assure the success of your program, are there any local groups (such as rescue groups, animal control agencies, TNR groups, local businesses, local media, social service agencies, etc.) other than your organization and your cooperating veterinarians who are committed to assist?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please list them and detail their level of involvement with the proposed effort.

Name	Level of Involvement
CCFAW	Communication on program, finding groups/pet owners in need of program.

Other Information

Provide any additional information that will help the grant selection committee understand how the program will operate to achieve its goals.

The ultimate goal of the Halifax Humane Society is to end animal overpopulation in Volusia County. We have made great strides toward that goal and this grant will be another step toward successfully reducing shelter intake.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 257 **Dogs:** 116

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$24,991.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$67.00

Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for:

There are numerous fees not included in the grant and will be paid through HHS operating funds and additional donations.

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Describe any other funding sources for this program, i.e. other grants, targeted fundraising efforts, budget allocation, etc.

Budget allocation

What percent of the total cost of the program would this projected grant cover?

80-90

Timeline

All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding. Any unexpended funds must be refunded to Florida Animal Friend within 30 days of the end of the project. Requests for time extensions must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end of the project. Funding for accepted projects will be available after August 1, 2009.

Projected start date: 09/01/15/ **Projected end date:** 09/30/15

Unexpended funds

Any unexpended funds must be refunded to Florida Animal Friend within 30 days of the end of the project.

Requests for extensions

Requests for time extensions are discouraged and not often granted. If it is imperative to request an extension, such request must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end of the project. It is FAF's policy to seldom grant more than a 30-60 day extension.

Failure to submit reports and requests within the required time period will impact your agency's future grant applications.

Future Funding to Sustain Public Spay/Neuter

***Explain how the organization plans to fund this program in the future. Having sustainable plans including other grants, local donations and other services generating revenue enhances the chances of receiving this grant.**

The high volume sterilization program is based on the self sustaining model created by the Humane Alliance. Low cost sterilizations will be available year round for our community with free sterilizations made available by other grant funding.

Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate

***Applicants selected for funding are expected to publicize their grant in support of their spay/neuter program and promote the sale of the Animal Friend license plate via press releases, newsletters, website links, social media, etc. Please describe your plan to promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate. Grantees are required to submit documentation of promotional endeavors.**

The Halifax Humane Society is proud to work with Florida Animal Friend to reduce animal overpopulation through sterilization. The organization will be recognized in all press releases and in media opportunities to include billboards, postcards, newspaper, and radio.