

Grant ID: 1450

Title of Proposal: Fix-A-Bull
Agency Type: Municipal
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: City of Jacksonville

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services	Website Address: www.coj.net/pets
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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/13 **End:** 09/30/14

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,602,352.77

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$4,267,798.89

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 43 Part Time: 1

Number of Active Volunteers: 50

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 200.00

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

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: unknown Year(s) denied/incomplete: unknown

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- Unlimited Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services

Organization Structure:

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

Other

List your current board of directors:

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

5954 cats and 5267 dogs were admitted.

1988 cats and 2316 dogs were adopted.

492 cats and 587 dogs were euthanized.

1623 cats and 2504 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.

13 years ago, more than 33,000 animals were being admitted to the shelter and more than 23,000 of those animals were euthanized annually. Those numbers were growing each year. In 2002, the City of Jacksonville established a mayor's task force to deal with this issue. The task force came to the conclusion that what was needed was an effective spay/neuter initiative and program. One of the task force members, Rick DuCharme, started First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) that eventually built the nation's largest spay/neuter facility. By working in partnership with FCNMHP and the Jacksonville Humane Society, Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services (JACPS) has experienced a remarkable reversal. Last year, shelter intake was down to 11,221 and only 1,079 animals were euthanized. Jacksonville, was, for the first time, a no-kill city. One of the most significant factors contributing to this change is the number of spay/neuter surgeries in the community. Last year, FCNMHP performed 31,125 such low-cost and targeted surgeries. A number of these surgeries are funded by the City of Jacksonville from its pet license fees in an effort to target sources of shelter intake. For example, through the SpayJax program, pets owned by qualified low-income residents will be spayed or neutered at no cost. Last year 5,680 animals were sterilized in this program. In addition, the City has funded Duval Cat Fix for so long as it has funding for the program. Last year, more than 6,000 cats were spayed or neutered at FCNMHP through this program at no cost to the cat owners or trappers. These programs get at two of the main sources of shelter intake: pets—or their offspring—owned by low-income pet owners, and cats and kittens. But these programs do not focus on the other source of intake—large dogs, especially pit bull types. Fortunately for the community, FCNMHP has in recent years obtained funding for these surgeries. Each year, approximately 1,000 dogs were spayed or neutered because of such funding. Unfortunately, the funding source for these surgeries has changed its focus so there it is no longer possible to provide free surgeries for these dogs. But the demand and the need are still there. Almost all of the dogs who are admitted to the shelter are large dogs, and it is this population that we must still target.

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?

Our funding for sterilization of dogs and cats comes from our city license fees. Half of the cost of each license is set aside in a trust fund for spay/neuter surgeries. This fund provides funding for spay/neuter surgeries of our shelter animals, the SpayJax program and Duval Cat Fix. Last year we paid out \$314,494 for our shelter surgeries. We also paid \$204,560 for SpayJax and \$155,955 for Duval Cat Fix surgeries performed by FCNMHP.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Duval County
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Total human population in target area:	842,583
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	17.3
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	255329
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	210646
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	140431
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	5954
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	5267
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	492
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	597
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. N/A	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Pit bull/large breed dogs	
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? Spay and neuter services are generally available through all licensed veterinary clinics, but prices are not affordable for many and the private clinics have limited capacity. Both FCNMHP and the Jacksonville Humane Society offer programs for free or low-cost surgeries. With increased funding, we can increase the number of free surgeries in the community which will encourage more people to spay or neuter their pets.	
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: <input type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input type="checkbox"/> TNR managed colonies of feral cats <input type="checkbox"/> Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned) <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

N/A

(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)?

The goal of this program is to reduce the overpopulation of large dogs--particularly pit bull types--that make up the majority of the shelter dog population. Every additional surgery will eliminate countless numbers of litters. Our specific goal is to sterilize 500 such large dogs.

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

Until very recently, FCNMHP has had grants that enabled it to offer free surgeries for this target population. This program will allow us to maintain the pre-existing baseline established when funding for the free surgeries was available.

Methods

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

This program will be available to anyone who has a dog either weighing over 40 pound or expected to weigh over 40 pounds when fully grown.

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

Both we and FCNMHP will advertise the program through social media, including Facebook. We will also let the press know about the program. Clear Channel Communications provides public service announcements to FCNMHP and this will be used to advertise the program.

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

That is usually not an issue, but if it were, FCNMHP has staff and volunteers to help those in need. They can provide transport with their six transport vehicles and their staff has bilingual members.

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.

In almost all cases, the transportation is provided by the client. When necessary, FCNMHP can supply transportation in one of its vans outfitted for this purpose. Their personnel are fully trained to handle the dogs that might be transported for this program.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

What arrangements have you made with veterinarians to perform the surgeries?

All surgeries will be performed by First Coast No More Homeless Pets. As with the SpayJax and Duval Cat Fix program, FCNMHP will bill us for all surgeries performed pursuant to this grant.

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

Veterinary Practices

<u>Practice Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Lead Practice</u>
First Coast No More Homeless Pets	6817 Norwood Avenue	Jacksonville	Florida	32208	904-425-0005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabies Vaccination if Due	<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="\$14.00"/>

Other Vaccination if Due Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Pain Medication Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Parasite Medication Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Testing Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Licensing Required Optional Not Available No 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 dogs will be examined before surgery. There is no additional charge for cryptorchid or hernia repair. Other treatment fees vary. Duval County requires a \$20 pet license fee when a pet is vaccinated for rabies.

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
Dog Rescue Groups	Dog rescue groups, such as Pit Sisters, will publicize the program and refer large dog owners to First Coast No More Homeless Pets for surgery.
First Coast No More Homeless Pets	All the surgeries will be performed at their clinic. They will also actively publicize the program.

Other Information

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

We know that to truly deal with the problem of unwanted pets, it is necessary to prevent their breeding. Spaying and neutering will not only reduce the pet overpopulation, but it will make it easier for owners to find new homes for them if necessary as opposed to bringing them to the shelter. Last year, with funding, FCNMHP performed more than 1,200 free surgeries of large dogs, so we know the demand is there and that the community will respond.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 0 **Dogs:** 500

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$25,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

This grant will pay for an exam and the surgery. Additional costs, such as vaccines, will be paid by the client, as needed.

Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for (for example, vaccines, microchipping, ear notching, etc.):

This grant will pay for an exam and the surgery. Additional costs, such as vaccines, will be paid by the client, as needed.

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

FCNMHP will absorb the difference between the amount paid by the grant(\$50) and the actual cost of surgery (an average of \$55 per dog). FCNMHP will also seek additional funding to cover additional surgeries of large dogs beyond those covered by this grant.

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

91%

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: 08/01/15/ **Projected end date:** 12/31/15

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.**

Funding from the City of Jacksonville for spay/neuter programs is limited. Although half of the animal license fees are devoted to paying for spay/neuter services, these funds are entirely used for SpayJax--free surgeries for pets owned by low income people--and Duval County Cat Fix (to the extent that funds remain) However, both FCNMHP and the Jacksonville Humane Society work to obtain funding for free surgeries. FCNMHP has been able in the past to obtain funding and will seek additional grants to cover such surgeries. Through fundraising events, donations, its thrift store and veterinary clinic, it is able to offer low-cost surgeries to everyone.

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.**

We and FCNMHP will send a press release to all our local media contacts announcing the grant support and promoting the license

plate. Also, our two organizations will include promotional links on our website and Facebook pages. Literature will be distributed at our public events, including the quarterly Mega Adoption events that attract thousands of people. We will also distribute license plate promotional material at our shelter.