

Grant ID: 1807

Title of Proposal: Full Circle Community Cat Program
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$24,975.00
Check Payable To: Cat Depot

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Cat Depot **Website Address:** <http://www.catdepot.org>
Person Submitting Proposal: Maria Sadowski **Position:** Communication's Specialist
Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: marias@catdepot.org
Agency Head: Shelley Thayer **Agency Head Email:** shelleyt@catdepot.org
Organization Business Address: 2542 17th St **City:** Sarasota
State: FL **Zip:** 34234
Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 941-366-2404 **Fax:** 941-366-2407
Cell:

Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/22/2004
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: **Begin:** 07/01/16 **End:** 06/30/17
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,377,825.33
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,315,604.88
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 32 Part Time: 0
Number of Active Volunteers: 179
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 481.00
How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Previous recipient
Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if

applicable):

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2016, 2014, 2010, 2008 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009

	Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
	139	2010	FAF 2010	Funded
	178	2010	Cat Depot FAF Grant	Denied
	288	2012	Florida Animal Friend 2012	Denied (not completed)
Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):	362	2013	Community Cat TNR Program	Denied (not completed)
	1403	2014	Backyard Sterilization Project: Targeted Spay/Neuter of Community Cats and Personal Pets	Funded
	1612	2006		Denied
	1613	2007		Denied
	1614	2008		Funded
	1645	2016	Full Circle Community Cat Program	Funded
	1807	2018	Full Circle Community Cat Program	Funded

Describe your Organization:

Services Provided

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

Organization Structure:

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

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Ken Slavin	President	941-504-6820	Retired
Linda Slavin	Vice President	941-387-0553	Consultant
Michael Siegel	Secretary	941-365-0550	Attorney

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1464 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

1405 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

112 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

2093 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stray/Lost pet intake | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation | <input type="checkbox"/> High volume spay/neuter clinic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lost and Found Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavior counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of ordinances | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full service wellness clinic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster services | | |

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.

Cat Depot's Community Cat program started in 2011. The program's goal is to TNVR colony, community, and freeroaming cats, as well as income-qualified personal pets. The program also gathers information, tracks community cat colonies, and supports colony and personal pet care. A fund was established in 2015 to provide medical care for injured and sick community cats and personal pets. We also have a community food bank that gives out an average of 1,627 pounds of dry food and 730 cans of wet food each month to support pet safety net practices of keeping cats in homes when food or medical care is an issue. Every month, Cat Depot feeds approximately 250 personal pets and over 500 community cats. In November 2014, Cat Depot opened a low cost cat care clinic where TNVR services are provided five days a week, with emphasis on TNVR Tuesdays. In 2017, the clinic neutered 647 cats and spayed 709 cats. In addition, we provide free or discounted spay and neuter services for the public. Cat Depot loans traps to the public seven days a week and trains individuals on humane trapping procedures. During 2017, we hired a full time TNVR specialist who is currently training six new teams of volunteers. These teams will be ready to deploy to calls, work with cat colonies, and assist with community cats in general. The TNVR specialist will also train officers at Sarasota County Animal Services and the public in humane deterrent solutions, safe trapping, and other community cat issues. The objective is to assign a colony care giver to every colony, spay/neuter all cats, check for any cats who may be suffering or need medical care, and provide food resources if needed. Our Community Cat Program Manager Cody Carlson and TNVR Specialist Jo Fogarty both have extensive TNVR training and experience. Cody Carlson has worked in animal welfare for seven years, and has been a Community Cat Program Manager for four years, including tracking of colony cats. She has trained with TNVR staff at the Humane Society of Tampa Bay under their TNVR manager Darlene Esposito. Cody's experience includes positions such as Customer Care Technician, Adoptions Counselor, Admissions Counselor, and Shelter Manager. Jo Fogarty is a Veterinary Technician and has worked in animal welfare for 11 years. Jo's experience includes positions such as Animal Care Technician, Adoptions Counselor, Veterinary Technician, Adoptions Manager, and Surgical Technician. She has had the opportunity to work with TNR organizations throughout Central Florida as well as welfare organizations including the ASPCA. Jo and Cody both have a passion for improving the lives of Community Cats through TNR and Return to Field programs.

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?

We currently have a steady program in place funded by grants and private donations. One grant comes from

Sarasota County and another grant comes from a family foundation. If grant funds are not available, an individual donor provides funds for the program. We provide TNVR five days a week. We can currently spay/neuter an average of 16 cats per day, though we have increased that number to the low twenties during times of high demand. Last year, Cat Depot rescued and found homes for 1085 kittens; proof that there is still an urgent need to sterilize freeroaming cats. Additional resources are needed to continue efforts, and additional funding will allow Cat Depot to sterilize more cats. We have the capacity to do more, but are limited by funds.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.):	Zip codes 34231, 34232, and 34234. We would also like to include community cats that come to us from Sarasota County Animal Services.
Total human population in target area:	81025
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	34
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	24554
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	20257
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	13505
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	521
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	501
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	170
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	64
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. Sarasota County Animal Services estimate the number of feral cats in the target area to 12,218.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Personal pets are not spayed or neutered, owners lack knowledge, transportation and funding, and owners/caretakers aren't aware of available resources. In addition, too many feral cats are unsterilized and able to reproduce. Unwanted kittens are born, creating hoarding situations, or are left roaming the streets to fend for themselves.	
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? The resources in the county include ARC Animal Rescue Coalition an organization that follows the Humane Alliance model. They rely on grant funding which may or may not be applicable to people in the zip codes where resources are needed. In addition, like many organizations, they don't always have grant funds for free sterilization. Low cost services are always available. Buddy's Feral Cat Program offers limited free spay and neuter services through a local veterinary clinic. There is also Sarasota in Defense of Animals who may or	

may not offer TNVR services, depending on funding availability. In conclusion, there is a need that we have the capacity to fill.

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.

The target area consists of three zip codes 34231, 34232, 34234 that together make up an area of approximately 27 square miles. We would also like to use the grant funds for spay/neuter of community cats pulled from Sarasota County Animal Services - this will have a direct impact on their live release rate and cats in problem areas.

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

These zip codes have the largest number of both intake and euthanasia at Sarasota County Animal Services.

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

The area is a combination of commercial and residential properties in a suburban setting.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 33599

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 17349

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 555

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

Since 2011 we have registered colonies and monitored, assisted and rescued cats from colonies. Caregivers call when there is a new arrival to sterilize or rescue. Every month we provide food for registered colony cats, and trappers and volunteers have committed to this program consistently since inception. We have never missed a month of adequate food for distribution or medical aid.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

Cat colonies are allowed, and TNVR efforts are accepted in Sarasota.

(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:

Sarasota County Animal Services support Cat Depot's TNVR efforts. In addition, Sarasota County have acknowledged our efforts with spay/neuter grants for pet cats in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

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

Cat Depot's Community Cat Food Bank provides food for those who support community/feral cats and incomequalified residents in need of food for their personal pets. The Food Bank helps lessen the cats' negative impact on birds and other wildlife through providing them a steady source of food.

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

Our TNVR efforts will lessen the negative impact of these cats through preventing the colonies from growing. We bring pregnant cats and kittens as well as friendly stray cats to our adoption facility, removing them from the streets and helping them find loving homes. During 2018, our new TNVR specialist will have educational sessions with officers from Sarasota County Animal Services and the public on humane deterrent options. We are also working on a new set of informational material that will

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.

Our seasoned and committed staff and trappers are key to the program's success. Together with our cooperation with Sarasota County Animal Services, they can provide more cats than we have funds to sterilize. With your support, we can TNVR a greater number, reducing euthanasia statistics, increasing the live release rate from Animal Services, and prevent suffering of moms and kittens struggling to survive on their own.

Objectives

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

We will reduce unwanted kitten births and unnecessary suffering, and increase the live release rate from Animal Services. We will also educate the public in these areas regarding spay and neuter, and show how we can enhance their community through colonized care and sterilization. Cat Depot plans to sterilize 555 cats in the target area. The program will not stop after the grant money has been depleted; we will apply for additional funding through grants, donors, and fundraising efforts. Every cat will receive a microchip ensuring its safe return should it be picked up by Animal Services. Cat Depot will help pick up microchipped cats from Animal Services, should the caregiver be unable to transport.

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

In 2014, we provided TNVR for 530 cats. In 2015, the number increased to 1,278 plus 370 discounted sterilizations for owned cats. This number has increased every year, and in 2017, we sterilized 2,093 cats. With your support, we hope to reach 3,000 in 2018.

Methods

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

Eligibility for personal pets will be determined by a short questionnaire that includes income qualifications using government low income guidelines and records the name, address, and phone number of the pet owner. Community/feral cats in the target area will qualify automatically.

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

We will reach the target audience through a combination of media, including press releases and advertising in local free papers distributed in the target area. Flyers will be printed at Cat Depot's cost and distributed by staff and volunteers and at our monthly food bank. Literature will be available at Cat Depot and on our website, and we will advertise the program on our social media pages. We will also alert local humane organizations who could potentially receive calls for help from this area. The spay/neuter clinic will be advertised on our

prominent LED sign outside Cat Depot's facility. In addition, we have neighborhood bilingual flyers for distribution at local convenience stores, churches and neighborhoods.

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

Volunteers and staff are ready to transport cats as needed. Several members of Cat Depot's staff including Cody Carlson and one of our veterinaries are bilingual, speaking English and Spanish. Educational literature explaining the benefits of spay/neuter will be distributed, and this information is also available in both English and Spanish. During the last grant period, staff and volunteers went door to door in low income areas, seeking out residents to hand out flyers in person and talk about TNVR. This gave a great approach, and we plan to do the same thing again.

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.

If transportation is not available, Cat Depot staff or trained volunteers will transport animals in humane traps or carriers. Cat Depot has trained transporters, and they are required to show proof of insurance and a valid driver's license. All transporters sign a "hold harmless" waiver that covers health and transportation. Cat Depot has liability and volunteer insurance. Transporters must have reliable/safe transportation and several volunteers use Cat Depot's cargo van for moving cats. We have two vehicles for transport and a rescue trailer able to comfortably accommodate 75 cats. Cats trapped in the evening that must wait for their procedure are given water and placed in a quiet environment with a sheet covering their cage. At Cat Depot, all cats are handled by trained veterinary technicians and assistants.

Veterinary Services

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

Surgeries will be provided by our in-house veterinarians, primarily in our Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic, but also in the shelter clinic.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Rose Durham Cat Care Clinic	2542 17th St	Sarasota	FL	34234	931-366-2404	<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="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>

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

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 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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Feline Leuk/FIV	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
County License	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Ear tipping	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Microchip	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for pain medication.

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

The grant funding will cover the sterilization procedure and pain medication. Cat Depot will cover FVRCP vaccine, Revolution, Rabies vaccine, Microchip and any medical needs.

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
Local Humane Organizations	Cat Depot collaborates with all local humane organizations. We post each other's flyers for free TNVR and personal pet sterilization. We also take calls for help from other groups to trap and rescue or TNVR community cats.
Local Press	We will issue press releases and enlist their help in spreading the word about the program.
Sarasota County Animal Services	Animal Services will alert us when they receive calls from the target area, making it possible for us to assist. We take community cats from them for sterilization, vaccination, and return to field. We also take in kittens and pregnant cats, and we have committed to bring a minimum of eight adoptable cats to our adoption center per month. Our cooperation will increase during 2018 - officers now carry informational material, and we are coordinating educational efforts around community cats and humane deterrents for nuisance complaints.

Other Information

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

To ensure that goals, standard operating procedures, and program timeline stays on track, pets taken in under the TNVR program are recorded in a spreadsheet and reported in weekly staff notes. Knowing how many cats are recipients helps us keep track and review monthly goals and expenses.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 555 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$24,975.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$45.00

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

For each cat, Cat Depot pays \$4.53 for Revolution, \$1.03 for Rabies vaccine, \$4.95 for microchip, and \$.98 for FVRCP vaccine. This money comes from general funds or grants. Cat Depot pays for cats requiring additional medical care from an ongoing Community Cat Fund. Transportation when needed and informational material is also paid for from general funding or grant funds.

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

In 2015, Cat Depot started a new program called the Community Cat Care Fund. This fund is promoted heavily and is used for emergency care. Private donors, committed to TNVR assist and we are constantly applying for grants to cover additional costs. If grant funds are not secured, TNVR costs are paid from general funding.

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

74

Timeline

All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding.

Projected start date: 07/01/18/ **Projected end date:** 06/30/19

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.**

Cat Depot is committed to the TNVR program. We have private donors supporting these efforts, and continuously apply for grants to be able to offer free or lowcost services. We also have a number of fundraisers through the year that help support community cats.

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 with their final report.**

Cat Depot will issue press releases, promote the program prominently on our website and social media pages, and write about it in both print and electronic newsletters. Adopters who show proof of a FL Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate will be given a \$10 discount of the adoption fee per cat. We place rack cards promoting FL Animal Friend license plates in our Shelter lobby, Cat Care Clinic, and adoption bags.