

Grant ID: 1836

Title of Proposal: TNR

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County Fl, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County FL Inc

Website Address: www.awlshelter.org

Person Submitting Proposal: Karen Slomba

Position: Executive Director

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Agency Head: Karen Slomba

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City: Port Charlotte

State: Florida

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/18 **End:** 12/31/18

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$772,459.05

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,089,365.55

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 16 Part Time: 10

Number of Active Volunteers: 123

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 392.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Several of our partner organizations have received this grant in previous years

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 0 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1836	2019	TNR	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
Cherie George	Board Chair	941-347-6626	Gettle Automotive - Marketing
Dave Ivankovic	Vice Chair	941-286-1010	Dynamic Insurance - Owner
David Baird	Treasurer	941-575-1889	Retired
Mark DeGrove	BOD	941-205-5400	Veterinarian
Nanette Leonard	BOD	908-618-1776	Public Relations
Patricia Towne	BOD	941-629-4339	Retired
Pete McLewin	BOD	941-505-2545	Retired
Rita Kagan	Corresponding Sec	941-625-3164	Retired
Sara Castro	BOD	941-639-1158	Farr Law Firm - Attorney
Sherri Dennis	BOD	240-215-5259	Sun Newspaper - Reporter

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1516 cats and 1206 dogs were admitted.

1096 cats and 587 dogs were adopted.

96 cats and 106 dogs were euthanized.

1061 cats and 844 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

- Stray/Lost pet intake**
- Foster Program**
- Wellness services to understand pet owners**
- Volunteer Program**
- Owner surrendered animals**
- Food Bank**
- Cruelty investigation**
- High volume spay/neuter clinic**
- Lost and Found Program**
- Behavior counseling**
- Enforcement of ordinances**
- Full service wellness clinic**
- Adoption Program**
- 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?

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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.

Our organization has never offered spay/neuter or TNVR services to the public. Until our current Executive Director was hired in August of 2018, our organization only had a part-time veterinarian who could only accommodate the sterilization of our shelter pets. We now have a full time vet who is Humane Alliance trained and we are ready to dive into the dramatically underserved arena of TNVR in our County. We have forged an alliance with Community Cats of Charlotte, a small organization, focusing on feral cats, has been doing TNVR in our community for a long time but on a very small scale. Our Director believes that feral cats are a community problem and we need to be a part of the solution.

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 do not have a program available to the public, but our veterinarian sterilizes all of our shelter pets.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Charlotte County
Total human population in target area:	182,033
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	10.8
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	55162
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	45509

Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	30339
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1516
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1206
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	96
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	106
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:	
There are very few TNVR opportunities in our county.	
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 only a few local vets that will perform sterilization surgeries on feral cats at their clinics. Community Cats of Charlotte do an admirable job with their monthly clinics, but they are typically only able to sterilize 40 cats per month. This is hardly making a dent in our community's feral cat population.	
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 type="checkbox"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input checked="" 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.

Charlotte County, 680 square miles

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

There are very few options for TNR in Charlotte County. Community Cats of Charlotte TNR only 480 cats per year, in a county that is home to an estimated 30,000 feral cats. The entire county is in need of additional TNR assistance. Only cats in colonies/areas with known caretakers will be eligible for this program.

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

All of the above

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 30000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 3000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 893

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

Only cats with known caregivers will be eligible for this program. Each cat will be microchipped so if the cat is displaced and picked up by animal control, we will be notified and can return it to its colony. We have a barn cat adoption program if a cat cannot be returned to its colony. We also have a food bank to help caregivers with feeding their colonies, when needed. Our veterinarian will provide low-cost veterinary assistance on a limited basis if a feral cat is ill or injured.

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:

Charlotte County Animal Control Community Cats of Charlotte Feline Friends of Southwest Florida Operation Catnip

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

A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife concluded that only 1.74% of wildlife fatalities are a result of outdoor cats, well below the percentage of fatalities caused by habitat destruction, automobiles, pesticides and disease. But even with this small percentage, we do recognize the predatory nature of cats. With our TNR program in place, we will be doing something to help control the ever-growing population of feral cats, so wildlife fatalities due to cats will not continue.

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

Sterilization of feral cats will stop most of the behavior that residents find so frustrating. Male cats will no longer spray and are less likely to fight. Female cats will no longer go into heat or have litters of kittens on residents' porches, in their garages or sheds.

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.

While this organization has never had a formal TNVR program before, we will not be reinventing the wheel! We are fortunate in that we have close alliances with many organizations who have started successful TNVR programs who are more than willing to assist and guide us. These organizations include Cat Depot, Gulf Shore Animal League, Community Cats of Charlotte, Feline Friends of Southwest Florida, SPCA Florida, and Operation Catnip.

Objectives

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

If we are awarded these funds, we expect to sterilize 893 feral cats in Charlotte County.

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

Currently, Community Cats of Charlotte sterilizes approximately 40 cats per month, which translates to 480 cats a year. With our program, we will increase this number by 893, making the total number of feral cats sterilized in Charlotte County 1,373 over a one year period. This represents an increase of 65%.

Methods

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

Only feral cats in Charlotte County with known caregivers will be eligible for this program.

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

We will utilize our relationships with feral cat trappers in the area and with Animal Control in our county. All calls to Animal Control regarding feral cats will be diverted to our program coordinator. We will provide door hangers for Animal Control Officers to distribute in neighborhoods heavily populated with feral cats. We will also utilize our website and social media to spread the word that the program exists.

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

We do not anticipate transportation being a barrier, as local trappers will be transporting cats in traps to our facility. We do have a new cargo van available to assist if needed. We do not anticipate language barriers to be an issue. The 2010 census showed that 92.3% of Charlotte County residents are English-speaking. We do anticipate a potential barrier being residents who call Animal Control to remove a "nuisance" feral cat(s). According to local ordinances, Animal Control must remove nuisance animals but there is nothing in the ordinances that state that Animal Control must permanently remove the animal. However, a complainant will not appreciate it if the animal re-appears in the neighborhood, minus the tip of an ear. In order to address this barrier, Animal Control and the Animal Welfare League must work together to educate the public about the benefits of TNR and the potential alternative outcomes for these cats. Studies have shown that if given the option between TNVR or Euthanasia, most people will choose TNR.

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.

Animals will be transported in traps by area trappers and volunteers. These individuals will likely use their own vehicles but we do have a new cargo van to assist if needed. All volunteers who are new to trapping/TNR will be adequately trained and liability waivers will be used.

Veterinary Services

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

Our Medical Director, Dr. Jill Kirk, who is Humane Alliance trained and has extensive experience in TNVR will be the program's lead vet and will perform the surgeries. Should the volume of shelter animals needing sterilization inhibit her ability to perform the number of TNVR surgeries

needed to fulfill our grant requirements, we have made arrangements for some of the animals to be sterilized by Dr. Lisa Tipton at Animal Rescue Coalition in Sarasota. Our shelter will provide transportation for any animals that are sterilized at ARC

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Animal Rescue Coalition	6320 Tower Lane	Sarasota	FL	34240	941-957-1955	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Welfare League	3519 Drance St.	Port Charlotte	FL	33980	941-625-6720	<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="\$28.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>
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 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 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 type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |
| Feline Leuk/FIV | <input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |
| County License | <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 | <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 checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |
| Other | <input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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:

This is a program for unowned cats. There cannot be a fee assigned to the services provided.

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
Animal Rescue Coalition	Will provide surgeries, if needed. They are our "Plan B", in the event that our volume of shelter surgeries is too great to accommodate our required number of TNR surgeries on any given week.
Charlotte County Animal Control	Will assist in identifying neighborhoods with high populations of feral cats. Also will assist with educating the community about the benefits of TNR.
Community Cats of Charlotte	We are working collaboratively to share trappers, volunteers, caregivers, and transporters. We will also work collaboratively to promote each others TNR efforts.
Feline Friends of Southwest Florida	Will assist with the costs of vaccinating, deworming, and microchipping

Other Information

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

Dr. Kirk works at our shelter 5 days a week. One day a week will be designated as a TNVR only day. She works 48 weeks per year, which means she will have to sterilize 19 cats on her TNR days, which is easily achievable. As mentioned earlier, if our need for sterilization of shelter pets is too great to accommodate the 19 feral cats we have committed to per week, we will send cats to Animal Rescue Coalition, who have agreed to be our back-up clinic, working within the confines of our budget.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 893 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$28.00

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

Vaccines, dewormer, microchipping will be offset by funds provided by Feline Friends of Southwest Florida and other potential grantors. We will also pursue subsidies from vaccine and microchip manufacturers.

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

Some funding provided by Feline Friends of Southwest Florida, we will solicit subsidies from vaccine and microchip manufacturers, and we will do targeted fundraising among our supporters and through social media fundraising vehicles.

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

79%

Timeline

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

Projected start date: 09/02/19/ **Projected end date:** 09/02/20

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.**

As this is a program that cannot be paid for by clients, we will need to heavily rely on securing grants, corporate sponsors, and donations in order for this program to be sustainable. Since we do have a contract with Charlotte County, we can consider renegotiating our contract to include feral management (currently, our contract excludes ferals and the feral population in our county is largely ignored). If we can show the success of our inaugural year, it is not inappropriate to ask the county for a \$30,000 increase in County funds.

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.**

We will promote the sale of license plates via press releases, newsletters, website links, blast emails, social media, etc. We will include Florida Animal Friends in our annual magazine. Our Director will focus one of her columns on the Florida Friends License Plates in the monthly Pet Gazette Magazine. We will also put Florida Animal Friends License Plate brochures in our adoption packets, in our lobby, etc.