

Grant ID: 1827

Title of Proposal: Community Cat Friends Grant

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$20,000.00

Check Payable To: CATS-CAN, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: CATS-CAN, Inc.

Website Address: www.cats-can.org

Person Submitting Proposal: Phyllis Ayoob

Position: President

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: cats-can@att.net

Agency Head: Phyllis Ayoob

Agency Head Email: cats-can@att.net

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City: Geneva

State: FL

Zip: 32732

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/15/2003

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$91,246.39

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$91,113.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 28

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 150.00

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

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2007; 2009 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2011

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1827	2019	Community Cat Friends Grant	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
Audrey Posocco	Director	407-617-1121	Human Resource Director
Debbie Quisenberry	Director	407-484-1772	Insurance Claims V. President
Lisa Moore	Secretary	407-766-2601	Unemployed
Lisa Reddy	Director	321-313-8316	Abstractor
Phyllis Ayoob	President	407-416-0995	Retired
Robert Rogge	Treasurer	321-277-7231	CPA

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

863 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

738 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

5 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

828 cats and 0 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?

na

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

na

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

na

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.

Since its start in 2003, CATS-CAN, Inc. (CCI) has operated primarily as cat rescue and adoption group. We adopt 750-800 cats per year. CCI is also very involved in Trap-Neuter-Return through our volunteers and Board members. We also help cats with medical issues financially to enable owners retain their pets. CCI holds kitten classes to teach the community on how to foster bottle-baby kittens. CCI also conducts TNR training.

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?

Every cat we adopt out is sterilized before adoption using the adoption fees we charge. Many of the T-N-R cats are paid for by the volunteer trappers themselves. Some of the T-N-R cats are done under various grants. As you know, Florida in general has no shortage of feral cats and we are currently fixing as many as we can afford to do. With more funding resources we can sterilize more of the feral population.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	32703;32707;32712;32714;32771;32773
Total human population in target area:	173268
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	15.7
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	52506
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	43317
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	28878
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	4632
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2644

Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2763
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	598
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. NA	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Abandonment of pets, feral cat reproduction capability, warm climate allowing for more litters and survival of litters, affordability of sterilization, lack of education on spay/neuter, and lack of transportation are all parts of the puzzle to our overpopulation problem.	
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? Two low-cost clinics in Seminole County are Pet Alliance and Spay N Save Animal Clinic. Both are excellent at helping sterilize affordably but to make an impact our T-N-R volunteers need help financially to do more.	
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 type="checkbox"/> TNR managed colonies of feral cats <input checked="" 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.

The zip code areas we have chosen include four cities in Seminole County, FL, and comprise an estimated square mileage of 134 sq.miles.

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

The criteria we are using comes from the Seminole County Animal Services statistics. These zip code areas are the four with the highest intake of cats to Seminole County Animal Services.

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

These four zip codes are primarily suburban and urban, residential and commercial.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 52506

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 17500

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 500

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

Community cats will be cared for by the residents where the cats are living. Any feral colonies will have dedicated feeders. We already have multiple feral cat caretakers in Seminole County taking care of colonies.

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:

Spay N Save Animal Clinic

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

We vaccinate all cats against rabies to keep that from becoming an issue with other cats or wildlife. We educate feeders not to leave food at night that might attract wildlife

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

We will talk with any resident who has an issue with outdoor cats and explain the importance and effect of T-N-R. If issues cannot be resolved we

will relocate the cats as a last resort.

Will the cats be ear-tipped? Yes
Will the cats be microchipped? No

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

Our volunteers have been working on T-N-R for years often at their own expense. Additional funding will help these volunteers do even more. Many of them spend more that one day a week trapping and transporting cats for sterilization. We have a very dedicated team.

Objectives

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

Our main objective to is decrease the high number of intakes of cats coming into Seminole County Animal Services from these four zip code areas. These four areas cover most of the communities with the highest number of residents living below the poverty level and where these funds will be most useful.

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

By specifically targeting these low income areas we can reach the population of cats that would not be sterilized otherwise. By helping with trapping, transport & recovery by volunteers we will reduce the number of cats being turned in to and being euthanized at animal services.

Methods

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

Cats must be in the designated zip code areas. Caretakers need proof of low-income shown by any government assistance program they are under.

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

Our greatest reach is through Facebook and our website as well as referrals from our veterinarians. We will also post flyers in places such as community centers, laundromats, churches and at events.

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

We will supply transportation and recovery of cats when needed. We have volunteers who speak Spanish and can print flyers in English and Spanish.

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. Vounteers us personal vehicles and we loan traps out for safe capture and transport of cats. Our volunteers are experienced and we train all new trappers on safety. CATS-CAN holds mini-seminars on T-N-R practices.

Veterinary Services

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

Our sterilization will be performed by Spay N Save Animal Clinic through appointments or the walk-in services.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Spay N Save Animal Clinic	988 N Ronald Reagan Blvd	Longwood	Florida	32750	407-920-4894	<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
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Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>
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="\$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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
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:

Fee for rabies, other vaccines and any other required services identified as "CLIENT" will be covered by CATS-CAN.

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
It's All About the Cats	This group has been partnering with CATS-CAN volunteers for the past 2 years with TNR and will continue to do so. They bring in 5-6 cats each week.

Other Information

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

CATS-CAN is very experienced in cat rescue, adoption and feral and community cat programs. We are confident in our ability to fully carry out the requirements of this program. Some of our volunteers have been doing this work for over 30 years.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$20,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$40.00

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

Rabies vaccine will be mandatory and will be covered by CATS-CAN, Inc. Ear notching is at no charge. Microchipping is at caretakers expense. We don't recommend FeLv or FIV testing unless cat appears ill and that will be covered either by caretaker or CATS-CAN if caretaker cannot afford.

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

Funding by CATS-CAN, Inc. will be covered by donations to that organization.

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

85

Timeline

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

Projected start date: 09/01/19/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/20

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.**

Many of the volunteers pay for sterilizations out of pocket. We also have a internal funds provided through private donations and fund-raisers that we hold throughout the year to support these programs when needed.

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 advertise Florida License Plate Program on Facebook and on our website. We add a sheet to our adoption folders that are given to each adopter. Many of our CCI officers and volunteers have FAF license tags on their vehicles.