

Grant ID: 1859

Title of Proposal: Spay Columbia

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$20,000.00

Check Payable To: Lake City Humane Society

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Lake City Humane Society

Website Address: 1392 NW Shelter Glen

Person Submitting Proposal: Dale Griffin

Position: Assistant Facility Manager

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: dgriffin@lakecityhumane.org

Agency Head: Tom Barritt

Agency Head Email: Tbarritt@lakecityhumane.org

Organization Business Address: 1392 NW Shelter Glen

City: Lake City

State: Florida

Zip: 32055

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 386-752-3191

Fax:

Cell:

Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 04/29/1983

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$653,422.31

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$671,382.33

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 17 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 10

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 20.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? From prior funding

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2016 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2018

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
145	2010	Spay Grant	Denied
1422	2014	OSNAP (Our Spay Neuter Assistance Program)	Funded
1670	2016	We Like Big Mutts	Funded

1767	2018	Spay Columbia 2018	Denied (not completed)
1859	2019	Spay Columbia	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:

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1852 cats and 1605 dogs were admitted.

371 cats and 371 dogs were adopted.

745 cats and 229 dogs were euthanized.

586 cats and 763 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?

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 Lake City Humane Society , a private nonprofit organization,was formed in late 1964. We are the only animal welfare agency in a county of 68,348 people with a poverty rate of 20%. We are contracted by Columbia County and the City of Lake City to perform Animal Control Services. LCHS shelters around 3000 animals a year.Our partnerships with Best Friends Animal Society,Petsmart Charities, First Coast No More Homeless Pets,countless rescue organizations throughout the state of Florida,has assisted us with veterinary care, Mega and Super Adoption Events, and rescue transfers out of Columbia county. Pulling out all stops,and exploring every life-saving avenue has increased our save rate to 71% in 2018.

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 recently added a surgery suite to our adoptions building. We have a doctor that comes in three days a week and sterilizes shelter animals. And have begun seeing community pets.This is not currently funded other than by adoption fees and income from community pets.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.):	Columbia County
Total human population in target area:	68,348
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	20%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	20712
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	17087
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	11392
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1852
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1605
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	745
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	229
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. We believe this is accurate.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: The running at large of bully breed dogs and hounds. As well as the community cat population.	
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 7 Animal Hospitals but no low cost services. A large number of residents are unable to afford retail vet services.	
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 checked="" 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.

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

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)?

We hope to offer vouchers to any Columbia County resident that is low income or on public assistance who wishes to sterilize his/her dog or cat. By September 2020 we expect to see immediate decline in intakes, as we will have the ability to divert attempted owner surrender of wandering intact males, females in season, and litters of cats and dogs. Many citizens would re-home these accidental litters but express that they are unable to care for them in the interim. We offer food , vaccinate and de-worming of the litters already. Offering vouchers for surgery will assure that when these animals are re-homed they will not further contribute to the homeless pet population.

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

We currently are only able to sterilize animals that are going to adoptions. Having this program would enable us to do approximately 335 more surgeries,over the program timeline than we normally would.

Methods

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

Proof of Columbia County residency and proof of income and or public assistance

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

Lake City Reporter Lake City Advertiser Service organizations including Lions, Kiwanis, Altrusa, Women's Club, Elks, Moose, American Legion Facebook Instagram WIC Office Department of Families and Children Unemployment office Florida Crown Flyers and Word of Mouth (our most successful marketing) The Lake City Advertiser ran a public service ad for us the entire year that we had the FAF grant (2014-2015) It Is a free publication that is distributed widely throughout the county. We still get calls and e-mails from that source. The service organizations mentioned all help populations in our county that are under served. Citizens expect a humane society to have a tow cost spay neuter program, and, one day soon, we hope to open our own clinic. But, until then, Columbia County has a huge void

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

Our population is not terribly diverse, and cultural/language barriers are not an issue here. We do not anticipate that it will be an issue, however, if we find that a citizen wishes to get his or her pet sterilized, and can not get to the clinic, we will transport on one of our regular surgery days.

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.

No it does not.

Veterinary Services

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

We will use our own in-house vet.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Donald Denoff	1392 NW Shelter Glen	Lake City	FL	32055	386-752-3191	<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="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>

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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$12.00"/>
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
Feline Leuk/FIV	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>

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:

Florida law requires up to date rabies vaccinations. The vaccine Is Included in the s/n cost

Is this a voucher program? Yes

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

Proof of Columbia County residency will be required prior to voucher Issuance

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

Appointments will be set three days a week to handle all the vouchers.

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

Yes we will.

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
Lake City Advertiser	Ads and social media

Other Information

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

In addition to the marketing already discussed, we will be using the program to help divert the surrender of dogs and cats, litters of puppies and kittens to our open intake shelter. We had success, in 2016-2017 in convincing owners to sterilize their litters of unwanted and rehome them on their own, by being able to offer them a voucher, rather than surrendering their pets to the shelter, where they might get sick, or be euthanized.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 190 **Dogs:** 145

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$60.00

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 other than Rabies , Microchips and test are to be paid by the client when they request them.

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

We will hold fundraisers in April and October of 2019 to help raise funds for our spay/Neuter efforts.

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

100%

Timeline

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

Projected start date: 10/01/19/ **Projected end date:** 09/30/20

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.**

By having our own surgical ability we can keep cost down. Grants from other partners are being researched, and a capital campaign to secure the funding is In process. Once it is in place, we will have the ability to offer low cost surgery to the pet owners in our county.

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 have already placed the FAF license plate marketing posters in each public area of our facility. Our team members have been encouraged to purchase the plate. Links to the FAF website will be on the tab for voucher Information, on our website. In our press release, we will remind readers that these funds would not be available if Florida drivers did not purchase the plates. We will also have flyers at the DMV in Lake City, promoting the voucher program, which will encourage citizens to purchase the plate.