

Grant ID: 1866

Title of Proposal: Feral Felines and Community Cats

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Osceola County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Osceola County Animal Services

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Position: Director

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State: FL

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/17 **End:** 09/30/18

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$200,000.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,033,000.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 35 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 160

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 13000.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? When working for HSUS

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2015, 2017 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1448	2015	Big K-9 spay/neuter for low income families	Funded
1698	2017	Friendly and Feral Community Cat program	Funded
1866	2019	Feral Felines and Community Cats	Funded

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

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
Brandon Arrington	Director	407-742-2000	Director of Business Development and Legal Affairs for Waste Corporation of America
Cheryl Grieb	Chair	407-742-2000	Realtor
Fred Hawkins	Director	407-742-2000	Director of Business Development and Legal Affairs for Waste Corporation of America
Peggy Choudhry	Director	407-742-2000	Small business manager
Viviana Janer	Director	407-742-2000	Corporate Accountant

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

3329 cats and 2727 dogs were admitted.

2424 cats and 1880 dogs were adopted.

1092 cats and 843 dogs were euthanized.

2020 cats and 1880 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?

No

If not all, what percentage of animals are not currently sterilized before adoption?

25

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

All animals are sterilized prior to leaving the shelter but not all are s/n before being made available for adoption.

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

We comply with Fss 823.15, sterilization of dogs and cats required

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.

We have over 200 years of animal sheltering experience with existing staff. The director has over 42 years working with animals, 33 of which have been in animal sheltering.

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 are a Best Friends Community Cat program partner organizations which started in 2018 and ends in 2021. The majority of surgeries for that program are performed by a private veterinarian at our facility. She is paid \$50 per cat and the goal is 2500 cats per year.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Osceola County
Total human population in target area:	352,180
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	14%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	106722
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	88045
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	58697
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3329
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2727
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1092

Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	843
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. The information provided is an accurate reflection of our estimated animal populations.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Community cats to top this list in terms of their reproductive potential as evidence during "kitten season" which seems to get longer every year.	
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? We spay/neuter all adopted pets and offer low cost options to financially limited pet owners in the community. There is also a low cost spay/neuter clinic, SNiP-it, in Osceola County. Finally, once every other week the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando brings their bus to our shelter and provides low cost spay/neuter services to Osceola County residents. In spite of our best efforts, community cats continue to be a challenge in terms of getting ahead of their reproductive potential.	
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.

This grant request is for Osceola County. We have other community cat programs in place including one funded by Best Friends Animal Society. However, that program is smaller, two staff, so they are limited by human resources. We are expanding our volunteer program to include tnr participation to supplement existing efforts by individuals in our community and what can be accomplished through the Best Friends Program.

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

Community cats can be owned outside cats but can also include feral and free-roaming cats. Any caregiver or trapper for these groups of cats in Osceola County would be eligible.

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

Osceola County is still largely rural agricultural so efforts would be more concentrated in urban areas where resources for sustenance exist.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 58000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 10000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 10500

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

We have spay the strays in Osceola County and they have worked on TNR for many years. Also, a local coalition formed just over a year ago works on trapping, neutering and returning cats from targeted areas in the County one day per month. Identified community cat colonies typically have multiple feeders who are willing and able to provide lifelong care to these animals but have a primary need for assistance with spay/neuter.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

Community Cats are not considered owned. Leaving food out at night is prohibited. Feeding areas must be kept clean and free of debris.

(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:

SNiP-it low cost s/n clinic; Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando; Best Friends Animal Society

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

Through the Best Friends program, we offer deterrents to Osceola County residents to keep cats away from certain areas, bird baths and feeders, and also make an effort to ensure colonies are away from wildlife protection areas.

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

We will continue to educate the public on the benefits of TNR, offer deterrents for keeping cats out of unwanted areas, work with feeders to make designated feeding areas as cat friendly as possible, and relocate cats when needed and opportunities arise.

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.

The goal is to have funds to get another 500 community cats spayed/neutered. This effort combined with other programs in our community will work to drive down intact community cat populations which over time will result in fewer cats coming into the shelter, fewer cat related complaints, fewer cats destroying wildlife, etc.

Objectives

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

Our goal is to spay/neuter, vaccinated, and ear tip 500 community cats in Osceola County.

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

While we will likely perform some of these surgeries, the bulk of them will be performed at the SNIp-it clinic. Without this funding, they will not be able to accommodate individual feeders who come to them asking for help. Each year, collectively, we estimate that 7,500 cats are spayed/neuter in Osceola County. This additional 500 cats will be an increase of 7%.

Methods

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

Cats must come from Osceola County and be considered community cats which can include feral, abandoned, and lost cats. Cats must have a person who is willing and able to provide continued care and oversight of the colony.

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

We will use social media, facebook and website, and paid advertising.

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

We have volunteers in our community that have agreed to trap and transport cats for TNR. Best Friends has agreed to share their written materials with us and they are 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, community cats are often transported by volunteers in cargo vans or personal vans. Cats are confined in traps for transport and offloaded by volunteers and clinic personnel upon arrival to the location where s/n will occur. Transportation distances are short and animals are monitored during transport.

Veterinary Services

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

Snip it of Central Florida will do the bulk of the surgeries and Osceola county animal services will supplement.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Osceola County Animal Services	3910 Old Canoe Creek Rd.	St. Cloud	FL	34769	407-742-8000	<input type="checkbox"/>
SNIp it of Central Florida	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	FL	34744	407-476-4748	<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	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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:

Pain medication is included in the cost as is rabies and other vaccines, and ear tipping.

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
Best Friends Anima Society	Informational

Name	Level of Involvement
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	Promotional

Other Information

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

Using volunteers in our community who want to help cats, an additional 500 surgeries can be completed at the SNiP it clinic and Osceola County Animal Services.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

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 (for example, vaccines, microchipping, ear notching, etc.):

Rabies and FVRCP vaccines are included in the \$50 cost as is pain medication. Ear tipping is also included. If microchipping is requested, Osceola County Animal Services will pay the cost of the chip. Selection of what chip will be at OCAS discretion.

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

The Best Friends Community Cat program that is operated out of the Osceola County Animal services shelter will provide funding for community cat TNR and RTF, return to field, cats for the next two years. After two years, Osceola County will absorb the cost of the community cat program into our budget.

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.**

We plan to continue collaborative efforts with SNiP-it, Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, Best Friends Animal Society and other groups to provide sustainability of this program through proper budgeting, grant requests, and pooling of resources.

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 Animal Friend License plate via our website, facebook page, and will also do a press release if grant funding is received and use that opportunity to promote the specialty plate as well. Also will hand out promotional information at various on and offsite events.