

Grant ID: 1841

Title of Proposal: Fix it Forward - Levy and Surrounding Counties

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: RapsCALLION to the Rescue

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: RapsCALLION to the Rescue

Website Address: www.rapsCALLIONtotherescue.org

Person Submitting Proposal: Sarah Podobinski

Position: vice president

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: podobinski.s@gmail.com

Agency Head: Lynn Condermann

Agency Head Email: rapsCALLIONtotherescue@yahoo.com

Organization Business Address: PO Box 160

City: Morriston

State: FL

Zip: 32668

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Fax:

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/18/2013

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$10,280.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$11,651.68

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 7

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 35.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? We first applied in 2017 and were awarded \$10,000. We work with numerous agencies who have also won the FAF grant for many years.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2017 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

| Grant # | Proposal Year | Proposal Title | Status |
|---------|---------------|--|--------|
| 1705 | 2017 | Help Fix Levy and Surrounding Counties Unwanted Pet Population | Funded |
| 1841 | 2019 | Fix it Forward - Levy and Surrounding Counties | 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 |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Bill Conderman | Treasurer | 305-343-0380 | retired |
| Deborah Pareja-Penton | Secretary | 954-494-2356 | Administration |
| Kim Lake | Officer | 352-339-6641 | Fiscal Director |
| Sarah Podobinski | Vice President | 352-359-5793 | Office Manager |
| Virginia Niles | President | 305-510-1934 | retired |

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

0 cats and 15 dogs were admitted.

0 cats and 13 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 2 dogs were euthanized.

8 cats and 16 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.

RttR has created a spay/neuter program, Fix it Forward – Levy County. Currently we are assisting citizens on a case by case basis. Our VP, Sarah Podobinski, will be our lead on our Spay/Neuter projects. She has been actively involved in rescue for over 7 years. She holds a degree in business with a background in accounting. Sarah has a strong relationship with citizens in Levy County as she is an active member of the community and has live there nearly her entire life. Our board members have a total combined 50+ years of experience in rescue work, communicating with the public, have developed strong relationships with the community and advertisers, etc. Having received the FAF grant in 2017, we know have a better, working knowledge of processes that work.

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 currently providing spay neuter services on a limited basis, as funding becomes available. Funding comes from private donors, fundraisers and events. We are receiving more requests than we can fund at this time. Additional funding from the FAF Grant will allow us to increase the number of people we are able to help.

Target Population

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| Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.): | Levy and surrounding counties |
| Total human population in target area: | 40355 |
| Percent of residents living below poverty in target area: | 20.80 |
| Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3): | 12229 |
| Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0): | 10089 |
| Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0): | 6726 |
| Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 844 |

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| Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 863 |
| Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 476 |
| Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 59 |
| Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. There are three Town/City run shelters in Levy County, Inglis, Williston and Chiefland. Their intake numbers are not included in the numbers provided by the county. Therefore the number of strays and euthanizations is actually higher. These shelters have very little to no exposure to the public. The return to owner/adoption rate is little to none as a lot of our residents are unaware that they even exists. | |
| Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Levy County is a very rural, expansive area with low to middle class residents. Many animals are obtained solely for protection of homes and farms. Due to being a lower income area, many residents are unable to provide proper vetting or spay/neuter. The amount of free roaming/uncontained animals plays a huge role in the pet over population. A lot of residents cannot afford proper housing or containment for their animals. Levy County has an ordinance against free roaming animals, Sec 14-34, therefore a lot of 'stray' animals end up at animal control. On average, around 80% of dogs at animal control at any given time are pitbull type/large dog. | |
| 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 several private veterinary practice throughout Levy County, however due to income restrictions of residents, not everyone is able to utilize these services especially when spay/neuter fees are normally based on weight. Larger animals tend to be more expensive, so even middle income families have a difficult time paying such a large fee. | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input 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.

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

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

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :

Estimated number that are currently sterilized:

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:

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

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

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:

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

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

**Will the cats be ear-tipped?
Will the cats be microchipped?**

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

Objectives

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

RttR hopes to reduce the amount of unwanted pets in our area. We are hoping to encourage people to alter their animals to prevent unwanted litters and free roaming animals. In return, decreasing the number of animals that enter animal control, surrendered to rescues or end up as strays.

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

The grant will help us continue with our current spay neuter program and hope to greatly reduce the number of unaltered animals in Levy and surrounding counties. Currently, on average, we are able to provide spay/neuter services to about 15-20 animals, costing us around \$80-120 per animal. With help from the FAF Grant, we can increase that number greatly. We have found that offering these services for 'free' to residents, increases the likelihood of people actually using them. There are a normally services for people who are 'low income' but we feel this excludes the middle class, people who cannot get assistance but also cannot afford to pay a private vet for spay neuter services. We would like to reach families across all ranges.

Methods

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

Any "pitbull" type breed and or dogs over 40 pounds.

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

We have a large social media presence as well as relationships with other local area rescues, business and media outlets. With much of our population low income, we also rely on word of mouth, which we have learned over the past year, spreads far and fast. We also take advantage on the different media sources such as print, radio and television.

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

Our organization is comprised of many different backgrounds and ethnicities. We have a large span of age as well. We are able to communicate across numerous boundaries to get the message out there.

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 animals are unable to be transported by their owners, transportation arranges will be made. We have a network of reliable, experienced volunteer animal transporters. Animals will be confined to a secure crate during transport.

Veterinary Services

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

Use of a high volume private spay neuter clinic.

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

Veterinary Practices

| Practice Name | Address | City | State | Zip | Phone | Lead Practice |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| TLC PetSnip Ocala | 2532 SE 17th Street | Ocala | FL | 34471 | (352) 644-7647 | <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="\$0.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> |

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|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Range for Female Cats | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Range for Male Dogs | \$0.00 | \$95.00 | \$95.00 |
| Range for Female Dogs | \$0.00 | \$95.00 | \$95.00 |

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 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 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 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 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 type="radio"/> Yes |
| Other | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input 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:

Items above are required but at no cost to the client. RttR will cover the cost of Rabies (\$8.00) and Cone(\$5.00) that is required by the clinic. The optional items are at cost to the client and are based on the fee schedule at the clinic.

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 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 98.5 KTK radio station | Advertising |
| Thrifty Critter | Fundraising and advertising |
| Voices of Change Animal League | Advertising and referrals |
| WCJB TV 20 | Advertising |

| Name | Level of Involvement |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Williston Animal Group | Advertising and referrals |
| Williston Pioneer Newspaper | Advertising |
| Your Home Pet Vet | Advertising and referrals |

Other Information

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

RttR will reach out to citizens of Levy and surrounding counties with large and/or pit bull type dogs to offer spay neuter services. We will target low to middle income families and those who are s/n resistant in hopes that offering them free services will encourage them to take advantage of the service. Levy County is in desperate need of reducing the pet population in order to take the strain off of the county facility and the surrounding rescue groups.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 0 **Dogs:** 264

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$95.00

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

RttR has allocated funding to cover the cost of the rabies vaccine (\$8.00 each) and the post surgery cone (\$5.00) that the clinic requires its clients to have. Grant funding will cover surgery only costs. Anything additional the client wishes to have, will be at the expense of the client.

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

RttR has allocated funding to cover the cost of the rabies vaccine (\$8.00 each) and the post surgery cone (\$5.00) that the clinic requires its clients to have.

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: 08/01/19/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/20

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.**

RttR plans to apply other grants including but not limited to, Petfinder.com Grant, PetSmart Charities, Doris Day Foundation and PetCo. We are also active participants in several local area events where we sell handmade pet items to help generate income throughout the year. We will also reach out to private and corporate donors for donations and sponsorship. RttR also hosts several fundraising events throughout the year such as dinners, silent auctions and yard sales. Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate

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 currently display and pass out information on FAF License Plate info at all events and activities we attend. We also give information to each of our spay neuter services recipient. The information is posted on our Facebook and other social media outlets as well as our website.