

Grant ID: 1824

Title of Proposal: Polk County Spay/Neuter Services

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: TLC PetSnip, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: TLC PetSnip, Inc.

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Person Submitting Proposal: Lisa Gray

Position: Operations Manager

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/30/2019

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$875,090.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$850,476.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 25 Part Time: 3

Number of Active Volunteers: 12

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 25.00

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

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

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

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
380	2013	PetSnip Grant	Denied (not completed)
1469	2015	Combee Community Spay/Neuter Project	Funded
1737	2017	Love-a-Bull Pitties	Denied (not completed)

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:

0 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

4585 cats and 3426 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stray/Lost pet intake | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High volume spay/neuter clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost and Found Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of ordinances | <input type="checkbox"/> Full service wellness clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Program | <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

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.

TLC PetSnip, Inc. is a high volume spay/neuter clinic. The practice opened August 2013 and has performed 32,000 sterilization procedures. We currently average 40 surgeries per day 4 days a week. The person in charge of this program will be Lisa Gray who is the Operations Manager for the organization and a CVT. All of the staff and veterinarians are dedicated to the mission of ending euthanasia as population control in the community. We offer affordable vaccinations, heartworm testing and treatment, feline leukemia and FIV testing, and microchipping in addition to the low cost sterilization services.

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?

Our clinic is currently funded by the low-cost fees that we charge for services and procedures. We currently employ a part-time marketing specialist that is responsible for fundraising and community outreach. We work to keep in contact with community members and other non-profit organizations to understand the current need in the community. We have provided over 1500 free procedures that include sterilization services, vaccination services, and medications totaling \$30,000 over the past fiscal year.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical

Polk County

Information service (GIS), etc.):	
Total human population in target area:	686,483
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	16.1
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	208026
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	171621
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	114414
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	8783
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	7714
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	6518
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3074

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.

We believe the above is a good representation of the animal population for Polk County.

Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:

Dog and cat overpopulation in the community are a result of the rising costs in general practice for sterilization procedures. The public is widely unaware of low-cost alternatives and is not fully educated on the reasons for spay/neuter procedures to be performed on their pets. Polk County shelters see many puppies and kittens that are a direct result of people that are unable to spay the adult animals that they care for even with low-cost options available.

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?

TLC PetSnip has been offering low-cost spay/neuter services in Polk County since August 2013. Prior to and currently The Humane Society of Polk County has a voucher program available for clients that are income eligible and TLC PetSnip honors those vouchers and the SPCA Florida (Lakeland) offers spay/neuter services at a higher pricing structure. There is still a large population that is unable to afford to have their pet altered even with available options.

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:

Pets in low-income families Pit Bull / large breed dogs TNR managed colonies of feral cats Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned) 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.

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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.

NA

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:

NA

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

NA

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

NA

Will the cats be ear-tipped? No

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.

NA

Objectives

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

The goal for this program is to provide spay/neuter services for animals that may otherwise not receive this service. We plan to provide 400 pet sterilization services with the grant funding to those clients that receive government assistance.

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

The average poverty rate in Polk County is 16.1% which limits residents financially. Residents that are at or below the poverty level in the county will be able have their pets altered with the monies from this grant. TLC PetSnip, Inc. will continue to cover the low-cost services to th