

Grant ID: 1937

**Title of Proposal:** Community Outreach Spay/Neuter Program

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Check Payable To:** Animal Welfare Society of South Florida

Application Information

Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Animal Welfare Society of South Florida Inc

**Website Address:** www.awsfl.com

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Renee Bleemer

**Position:** Board President

**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** Renee@awsfl.com

**Agency Head:** Renee Bleemer

**Agency Head Email:** Renee@awsfl.com

**Organization Business Address:** 2601 SW 27th Avenue

**City:** Miami

**State:** Florida

**Zip:** 33133

**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 305-858-3501

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Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 01/01/1980

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/19 **End:** 12/31/19

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$2,090,563.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$2,178,000.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 23 Part Time: 0

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 20

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 10.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Fortunately Animal Welfare Society was a Florida Animal Friend grant recipient in 2016 and 2018. Our president actually was made aware of the grant competition when she purchased her Florida Animal Friend license plate back in 2010.

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2016 2018 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015

**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1474	2015	Community Outreach	Denied (not completed)
1682	2016	Community Outreach	Funded
1801	2018	Community Outreach	Funded
1937	2020	Community Outreach Spay/Neuter Program	Funded

Describe your Organization:

Services Provided

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control

Organization Structure:

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- TNR Group
- Rescue Group

- Spay/Neuter Services
  Other Non-profit full service animal

**List your current board of directors:**

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Barbara Napier	Director	305-858-3501	Flight Attendant
Barbara Weeks	Secretary	305-858-3501	Hospital Administrator
Betsy Perez	Director	305-858-3501	Entertainment Management
Emily Totino	Vice President	305-858-3501	Realtor
Janet Horwitz	Treasurer	305-858-3501	Bookkeeper
Jeff Flanagan	Director	305-858-3501	Attorney
Nick Studds	Director	305-858-3501	Entrepreneur
Renee Bleemer	President	305-858-3501	Educator
Victoria Moore	Director	305-858-3501	Professional Fitness Coach

**Applicant Qualifications**

**For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:**

**36 cats and 12 dogs were admitted.**

**36 cats and 12 dogs were adopted.**

**0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.**

**36 cats and 12 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation                                 | <input 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 checked="" 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?**

**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.**

Animal Welfare Society of South Florida opened in 1972 as low cost spay and neuter clinic. Over the years we have grown into a full service hospital. Our veterinary staff consists of three full time doctors along with 12 veterinary technicians, two lab technicians and four receptionists. Our active client listing is over 25,000 with an average patient visits for our veterinarians at 40 per day. We have digital X-ray equipment and in clinic blood processing capability from Abaxis. Our senior veterinarians Dr. Mисleydi Martin and Dr Andy Infante have 24 years of experience in the management of sterilization programs and will oversee the program. We are staffed 24/7 with a Vet Tech always in ICU. Our hospital is open 6 days and perform spay/neuter surgeries Monday-Friday. If needed, we perform surgeries on Saturday.

**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?**

Animal Welfare Society participates with the South Florida Vet Foundation spay/neuter program for qualified residents and we do appropriate funds from private donations and fundraisers to support our Community Outreach program. However, the need is still great fee waived services. Even with our Community Outreach spay/neuter program, our funds deplete quickly and the waiting list is long. There is a significant population willing to spay/neuter if they are not financially obligated. In order to provide the service, additional funding is required. We recognize the need is even greater now as the Covid 19 pandemic has had a significant financial impact on our target area.

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>	City of Miami
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	470,914

<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	24.3%
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	142702
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	117729
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	78486
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	19408
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	13349
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	2392
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	2080
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> Our target area animal population is not different than the estimate above.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> The pet overpopulation crisis is still widespread throughout Miami-Dade County. The most substantial source of dog and cat overpopulation continues to be in the City of Miami, where parts are impoverished with well meaning but low income residents. Due to the fact we provide low cost and often compassion veterinary care in the community, we know there is a great need for accessible and free sterilization. What may add to the dog and cat overpopulation is the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and the number of pet owners who find themselves financially restrained due to the loss of income.	
<b>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?</b> Miami-Dade County Animal Services has a program in place offering free spays/neuters to qualified owners along with the Humane Society. We also participate with the South Florida Vet Foundation spay/neuter program. However, many people do not meet the requirements and rely on us when we offer free sterilization through our Community Outreach Program.	
<b>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:</b> <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 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?**

Yes

**Please explain what is allowed:**

Miami Dade Animal Services does have TNR program in place in conjunction with county ordinances.  
**(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? No**

**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)?**

It is our hope to continue our Community Outreach spay/neuter program which helps people with financial hardships to be able to spay or neuter their pets. Our goal is to provide 300 sterilization surgeries for cats and 160 sterilization surgeries for dogs belonging to low income qualified residents of Miami.

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

Due to the fact we know there are both clients and other Miami residents that due to financial issues, are unable to obtain the sterilization surgery for their pets. This grant will allow us to increase surgeries above the baseline which is currently 100 for cats and 55 for dogs.

## Methods

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

The criteria for qualification for our program will be determined upon the pet owner providing proof of participation in government assisted programs including Medicaid, SSI (Supplemental Social Security,) Reemployment Assistance, Aid for Dependent Children, Jackson Memorial Hospital Clinic cards and income level (U.S. Poverty guidelines.)

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

Advertising will be promoted in both Spanish and English at our hospital, through press releases, social media, local radio spots, City of Miami NET (Neighborhood Enhancement Team) and during WPLG 10 Miami "Animal Advocate" segments.

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

We will address promotional barriers by having all material prepared in English, Spanish and Creole when necessary. Person to person contact, while maintaining the recommended social distancing, will cover illiteracy concerns. Local radio spots will be on English, Spanish and Haitian-American stations. The public will have to provide their own transportation.

**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.**

N/A

## Veterinary Services

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

Animal Welfare Society has three full-time veterinarians along with 12 veterinary technicians on staff to meet the surgical demands of the program.

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

## Veterinary Practices

**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.

	<b>Amount Paid by Client</b>	<b>Amount Paid by Project</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$31.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$31.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$110.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$110.00"/>

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

	<b>Required, Optional, or Not Offered</b>	<b>Fee to Client?</b>
<b>Examination</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Rabies Vaccination if Due</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other Vaccination if Due</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Pain Medication</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Parasite Medication</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>HW Testing</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Feline Leuk/FIV</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>County License</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Ear tipping</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Microchip</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
<b>Other</b>	<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:**

Animal Welfare Society will absorb costs of any testing, vaccines or parasite medication, especially if our doctors feel it is necessary to check if a cat or dog is healthy enough to go under anesthesia.

**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
A Way for a Stray	A Miami based rescue group who will help promote our program throughout their social media and in their marketing materials.
Everyday Humane	Everyday Humane and it's Humane Education program is new to many Miami Dade Schools. Their mission is to provide informative lessons about animal plight. Animal Welfare Society is a frequent presenter to students and adults explaining the importance of spay and neutering along with other aspects of responsible pet ownership.
Miami Pet Assistance Coalition	Miami Pet Assistance Coalition aka MPAC is committed to helping people and pets in the most impoverished areas of Miami. They will help promote our program in the areas where they are most active and through their 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.**

A valuable resource to South Florida for over 47 years, Animal Welfare Society has helped thousands of pets and their owners with our low cost, full service veterinary care. Because the target population includes the people we see everyday, we know the community, their financial hardships and understand the need for free sterilization. The need continues to be great and now more than ever with the financial impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on so many pet owners. The additional funds will allow us to continue and expand this mission. We are witnessing loving pet owners, now out of work due to the shutdown, having difficulty buying pet food so spaying or neutering is not a priority. We do have a food bank and provide as much cat and dog food to the community as possible. In closing, the Covid 19 Pandemic has added a devastating financial blow to families already struggling. We are confident this grant will help us help perform these vital sterilizations and thus help control the cat and dog overpopulation in Miami.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 300 **Dogs:** 160

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$55.00

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

Animal Welfare Society staff veterinarians and vet techs will be paid for out of the annual budget. Antibiotics, e-collars, ear tipping, testing, vaccines (other than rabies) and basic examinations will be included at no charge by Animal Welfare Society.

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

Animal Welfare Society has been fortunate, one of our biggest supporters, The Thomas E. Rodgers Foundation, has committed to supporting our spay/ neuter program and we will use a portion of his donation, if needed.

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

70%

## Timeline

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

**Projected start date:** 08/01/20/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/21

### 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.**

Animal Welfare Society is committed to helping reduce the number of unwanted animals therefore we designate approximately \$12,000 annually to maintain our Community Outreach spay and neuter program. Donations and fundraisers fuel this program. Animal Welfare Society is fortunate to have strong relationships with individuals and foundations committed to helping control dog and cat overpopulation in Miami.

## 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.**

Regardless of whether we are an active recipient of a generous grant from Florida Animal Friend, Animal Welfare Society never stops promoting the sales of the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate. We continue postings through our social media: this includes our website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. We will prominently display the program and logo with a link to order license plates on our website. We also highlight your support at events, in our lobby and in exam rooms. Florida Animal Friend is included in any /all Animal Welfare Society printed material as well.