

Grant ID: 1958

Title of Proposal: CARE Feline TNR, Inc 2021 FAF Grant**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** CARE Feline TNR, Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: CARE Feline TNR, Inc**Website Address:** www.CAREFelineTNR.org**Person Submitting Proposal:** Bill Gaskin**Position:** President**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** BillG@CAREFelineTNR.org**Agency Head:** Bill Gaskin**Agency Head Email:** BillG@CAREFelineTNR.org**Organization Business Address:** PO Box 4552**City:** Winter Park**State:** Florida**Zip:** 32793**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 814-596-3400**Fax:****Cell:** 814-596-3400

Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 11/25/1996**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/20 **End:** 12/31/20**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**Number of Active Volunteers:** 25**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 250.00**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** CARE has been a prior recipient of the grant. We learned about it many years ago via word of mouth.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
350	2013	CARE 2013	Funded
1457	2015	CARE 2015	Funded
1591	2008		Funded
1707	2017	CARE Feline TNR 2017	Funded
1837	2019	CARE Feline TNR, Inc 2019 FAF Grant	Funded
1958	2021	CARE Feline TNR, Inc 2021 FAF Grant	Funded

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**Describe your Organization:****Services Provided**

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

Organization Structure:

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

- Animal Control
 Spay/Neuter Services
 Other
 Rescue Group
 Other

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Bill Gaskin	President	814-596-3400	Inflight Crewmember
Brenda McGrath	Treasurer	614-570-7904	Certified Public Accountant
Melissa LaNinfa	Vice President	407-340-7050	Instructional Systems Designer

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.

3716 cats and 0 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.

CARE has been in continuous operation in Central Florida since its inception in 1996. In those 25 years we have successfully provided TNR for over 50,000 cats with the majority of surgeries occurring in the last 5 years. CARE is operated solely by unpaid volunteers. We are comprised of those who perform the day-to-day administrative functions that keep our organization running smoothly along with our trappers. In total we estimate 250 hours of their time are donated weekly towards TNR efforts in Central Florida. CARE officers, directors and volunteers have a vast range of experience in TNR ranging from 15+ years to a few months. They come from diverse backgrounds, each with special skills and abilities, yet all share a love of animals and a deep desire to reduce the population of feral cats through the humane and effective TNR process. New volunteers are provided training and are frequently teamed with or "shadow" the more experienced volunteers for an initial period until they feel comfortable with their assigned duties. More experienced volunteers are always available to provide advice and assistance. The board of directors meets monthly in an active management role.

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?

Orange County Animal Services provides free Trap-Neuter-Return services to our organization. This is the primary option we use when referring persons from Orange County. The number of appointments is variable on a month-to-month basis and subject to last minute changes and cancellations which puts on a strain on the organization with planning. Unfortunately, the number of appointments that are offered to CARE are never enough to fulfill the needs of TNR services in Central Florida. While we continue to add new clinics and offer more services, we do find that we never can have enough appointments. CARE has established relationships with several low-cost providers throughout the area including Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, SNIP-it Clinic and Oviedo Veterinary Care & Emergency. While Orange County Animal Services does provide free TNR services, these other clinics do not. Therefore, CARE has been offsetting the cost of TNR services to help reduce the feral cat population throughout our communities. While CARE does have an established fund for TNR built into our budget, it is never enough. We continually teeter-totter between not having appointments and not having funding. Even though 2020 was our best year ever in regards to the number of completed surgeries, it was not an easy feat. Additional funding would allow us to continue our live-saving mission of reducing the population of feral, free-roaming cats in Central Florida. While we have seen a drastic decrease in cat population at the shelters, we know our job is not over yet. With funding from Florida Animal Friend in the 2021-2022 year we know we can make a huge impact on our local cat population.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.):	32801, 32804, 32805, 32808, 32811, 32818, 32835, 34734, 34760, 34761, 34787 - these are all zip codes which touch West Colonial Drive in Orange County.
Total human population in target area:	372835
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	16.9914
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	112981
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	93209
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	62140
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1738
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1835
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	345
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	216
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. We do not believe the population is different in this area.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: We believe that people living in this area are well below the poverty level, which would hinder them from taking their community cats to be fixed for a fee. This grant will allow us to give an opportunity to those in this area to fix their community cats for free.	
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? Presently Orange County Animal Services offers 40 free community TNR appointments weekly. These appointments are filled on a first-come first-serve basis and are always booked 6 weeks in advance. We believe with this grant we could offer more appointments specifically targeted for this area at our partner clinics.	
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(s) 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 checked="" 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.

The area runs throughout all zip codes which touch West Colonial Drive in Orange County. This area is 145 square miles, with zip code 34787 having almost 50% of that area at 68.95 square miles. While zip code 34787 is has half the land mass, it has only 20% of the population.

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

We will have the clients provide the zip code of where the cats are located, and determine from there whether they fall within the boundaries of this grant.

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

The area for the targeted area is mixed rural with suburban - along with commercial and residential use.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 60000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 15000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 715

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

With our organization, CARE Feline TNR, we have dedicated volunteers who continue to feed, vaccinate and care for the cats in their neighborhoods. Whenever a volunteer from the area decides to move, we network to find another volunteer in the area who will take over the commitment.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

Orange County Animal Services Ordinances do permit persons to trap cats for the purpose of TNR. They do offer their own TNR Program for citizens also.

(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:

Orange County Animal Services has been a major supporter for TNR efforts in Orange County since CARE Feline TNR's inception in 1996. We continue to work with Orange County Animal Services on a weekly basis to reduce the number of kittens born to stray/community cats.

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

We do not feel that there is a negative impact on local wildlife. With TNR, we will work to reduce the number of stray/abandoned cats within our targeted area, which will help with any impact on local wildlife.

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

CARE Feline TNR is committed to the education of our community on TNR and the benefits. We work with Orange County Animal Services to reach out to clients who have called in nuisance issues, to explain TNR and how beneficial it is to the well-being of the cats.

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.

Even though there is a large amount of feral cats in this area, we believe that we can target specific colonies along with utilizing our current appointments. We would continue to TNR 40 cats weekly, but would also get an increase in appointments at our partner clinic to work on getting more completed with this grant.

Objectives

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

We plan to TNR 715 cats. This number assumes that all s/n surgeries are obtained at our partner vet clinic for a fee of \$35/cat.

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

CARE TNRd a total of approximately 3,700 cats between Jan 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2020. This number includes cats TNRd under our last FAF grant which ran from August 2019 to August 2020. Subtracting out the grant cats we have approximately 3,100 cats TNRd. The target of 715 surgeries will increase our sterilization program by a large percent.

Methods

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

Cats must be feral or otherwise un-owned and caretaker must agree to ear-tipping and continued management of the colony.

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

We will advertise the program via our official website and our Facebook page, as well as by word of mouth among our volunteers. We continue to have Florida Animal Friend footers on all of our email communications.

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

Our volunteers have a well established teamwork approach to TNR, helping each other with trapping, transportation, recovery and return as necessary. We have not encountered literacy or cultural hurdles in the past and do not anticipate problems at this time. However, we do have bi-lingual volunteers that assist with the Hispanic community. Our volunteers do a great deal of one-on-one outreach to colony caretakers and we would expect this effort to be intensified in the target area.

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.

The project does not involve transportation of animals by anyone other than the colony caretaker clients. All persons borrowing CARE traps are required to sign liability waivers. We provide training and counseling in the use of traps, as well as pre-op / post-op care and release of cats.

Veterinary Services

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

We have partnered with Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando to perform TNR surgeries at \$35. The surgery also includes rabies, FVRCP, ear tip and pain management.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	12050 East Colonial Drive	Orlando	Florida	32826	407-351-7722	<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, which is required) and not for other items such as testing, licensing, and capital purchases. However, \$2 per animal of grant funds can be used for rabies vaccination.

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input 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 type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<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 which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

All veterinary services are contracted as a TNR Package between CARE and Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. Our package includes rabies, FVRCP, pain medication, ear tip and ivermectin as needed.

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
Orange County Animal Services	Orange County Animal Services will TNR any cats that we determine do not qualify within the targeted TNR area.

Other Information

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

CARE has been the leader in TNR in the Central Florida area for many years. Our volunteers are experienced and work together well as a team. Our program has been quite successful over the years with over 50,000 cats TNRd to date (early records are a bit spotty). Our ultimate goal is that no cat will ever be homeless or unwanted. Although we understand it is doubtful that this goal will be reached any time soon, we are happy with the trend toward increased acceptance and implementation of TNR, increased numbers of low cost S/N clinics opening in the community, the major policy change to support TNR by Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando (PAGO, formerly the SPCA), and the interest being shown in TNR by more young people in the community. However, despite all our efforts to reduce costs and explore new methods of fund raising, the money is never enough. We know that grant funding is critical to our success. Last year (2020) CARE had it's most successful year completing 3,716 surgeries!

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 715 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$35.00

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

All veterinary services are contracted as a one-price TNR package which includes an exam, s/n surgery, rabies and FVRCP vaccines, parasite medication and ear clip.

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

We are in the process of pursuing additional grant funding from other sources. In addition, CARE plans to continue our traditional fundraising methods in the coming year, including direct community-targeted fundraisers like yard sales and merchandising, as well as web-based fundraising.

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

100

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All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding, with the final report submitted no later than September 1 of the following year.

Projected start date: 08/01/21/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/22

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 are continually searching for additional grant funding from other sources. In addition, CARE plans to continue our traditional fundraising methods, including direct community-targeted fundraisers (like yard sales and merchandising) and web-based fundraising.

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.**

CARE currently promotes the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter license plate on our website. We will issue press releases announcing the grant program and urging residents to purchase FAF spay/neuter license plates. We will also post an announcement/description of the grant program on our website, post blogs and updates on our Facebook site, and use our CARE News (electronic news) to disseminate information about the FAF program and our grant in particular to our electronic mailing list of over 1,000 interested persons.

**Number of FAF specialty plates on vehicles of staff and/or volunteers:
Required for Board**