

Grant ID: 1975

Title of Proposal: Saving the Homeless III

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$12,000.00

Check Payable To: Cat Pals Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Cat Pals Inc

Website Address: catalpas.org

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Position: volunteer

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 07/20/2000

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/20 **End:** 12/31/20

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$7,788.69

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$16,921.05

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 21

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 250.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? From a volunteer, now we have been awarded twice, its has change our community out reach saving cats!

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2019 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
66	2009	CatPals Grant Request	Funded
240	2011	Cat Pals Grant Request	Denied (not completed)
305	2012	Cat Pals Grant Request	Denied
1748	2017	Saving the homeless	Funded
1833	2019	Saving the Homeless II	Funded
1975	2021	Saving the Homeless III	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
Karen Whittle	Treasurer	954-610-4212	accountant
MaryBeth Cullinan	Secretary	954-649-0856	Lawyer
Tracey Paige	President	201-921-7778	Executive Childrens Diabetes

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

170 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

140 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

3 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

167 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.

CatPals has been in the community for over 20 years and is called day and night by retail and home owners needing help with feral cats. Since COVID the calls are for abandoned more so than feral. Pet owners are dropping them off at parks in Hollywood, its extremely cruel and sad to see them so afraid and confused. We will foster the friendly ones once spayed or neutered and find homes for them, we also will take in pregnant moms and foster her with the babies until all are healthy and old enough for adoption. we do have feeding routes that our volunteers work daily to feed and ensure the feral population is healthy. If there are sick cats we will trap them and take them to the veterinarians that support us. Our primary role in the community is to trap and nutter/spay cats that have been abandoned and try to find homes for the ones that are adoptable. We have been awarded two grants previously, the last year being 2019 and we have been able to do more because of it. 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 know with \$10,000 we can spay/nueter 190 cats which was our grant in 2017-2018. There is more of a demand that 190, we had fund raisers, Go-fund-me's and a lot of volunteers pay from their personal accounts to try and meet the demand on Hollywood beach. Our goal is to reach 300, we have the volunteers and the support to do that many with funding, God knows there are 300 cats in need.

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 have proven with more grant funding we can do more, the number of cats in 2019 with funding was 257, in 2020 we finished at 167 very specific due to funding resources. We know with \$12,000 we can spay/nueter 200 cats. There is more of a demand that 200, we had fund raisers, Go-fund-me's and a lot of volunteers pay from their personal accounts to try and meet the demand on Hollywood beach. 2020 was a very difficult year for funding resources and volunteers personally assisting. Our goal is to reach 300, we have the volunteers and the support to do that many with funding, God knows there are 300 cats in need.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Broward, Hollywood, 33020, 33019
Total human population in target area:	154,817

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	12.6
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	46915
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	38705
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	25803
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	9,200
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	NA
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	5500
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	NA

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.
 There are significantly more in parks due to abandonment in 2020/COVID. We had documented 20 drop offs a month in just one park in 2017, that number has risen to 25 in late 2018, 2019 and in 2020 going in to 2021 its increased again consistently. We lose about 30% of them to being hit by cars and just being too afraid or sick to survive.

Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:
 The increase is due to COVID increasing peoples concerns of how they will make ends meet, on top of an already transient area that had a feral and abandonment problem. In our area, we have a lot of transit people... Even tourists that come for three months or five months in the year will get a cat and leave it when they go home. For the most part, they don't go to the shelter to get one, generally its from a neighborhood cat that has had kittens and they don't spend the money to get it sterilized. We also have a lot of people coming in to the beach area from Cooper City and other parts to drop off animals they don't want released in their neighborhoods that were their indoor and outdoor pets. It sad and the number of animals abandoned is rising.

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?
 The county and humane society have occasional programs, traditionally they don't use them in these zip codes for the parks. They still charge 60\$ and we spend 200\$ for an adoption package many times for the chip, blood work and sterilization, sometime relocation fee's. The issue is not finding a place, we must pay for the services and we must also trap the cat's ourselves and feed them and find them homes. We have several veterinarians that will meet our budget when we receive a grant and commit to bringing the cats to their office. they can anticipate the volume and appreciate the problem so are willing to assist.

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:

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.
 Dania pier to Forest Street, 56 acres of the Park and a few miles of residences, hotels.

What is the criteria used for determining the target area(s) and/or eligibility for this program?
 There is presently a new population of feral cats there now that are breeding, sick or being removed because of the increase in Drop off's. Neighborhood cats that have been abandoned has significantly risen in that geographic area also in 2020 and the community residents/restaurants do not want them roaming around. Many residents have threatened to poison them, and have had the police involved to stop them, Once they are sterilized and look healthy, people see us trying to solve the problem and

Describe whether the targeted area is rural, suburban, or urban. Is it commercial, residential, agricultural, or a designated special land use?
 Its a state park with lots of tourists renting hotels and some residences on the outskirts. There are no county funded grants for this Park.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 350
Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 100
Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 200

For TNR program, describe the ability to maintain lifelong care for remaining cats, commitment level of volunteers/organizations, etc.
 We have land that has been donated to use to remove the cats and relocate once we have trapped and sterilized. We have built an enclosure and

use it to house cats that have n place to go... we have been able to get many adopted but its safer than putting an abandoned house cat back on the street with zero idea how to defend herself or survive. In 2018 we raised the money to start construction and completed in 2109. Cats that are able to be adopted, especially those that are abandoned will go in

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

Trap and take to animal control if they are in the Park. If they are at a restaurant on the Boardwalk or a neighborhood, if the resident or business owner allows, you can release - but they are unwanted in most cases and if we don't trap them and foster them they get euthanized by animal control.

(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:

Only CatPals in out territory

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

We have seen sterilizing the cats has helped over the years a great deal in their desire to kill the native birds. feeding the cats and giving them medication they need, fostering when adoptable has lessened the negative impact. Now they must leave so there will not be an impact except from those abandoned in the park each month.

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

We are working directly with the Park Director and HoA close by to agree on our participation going forward in the park. We can feed to trap, we can monitor, but we must remove permanently.This new policy was driven by one family on the beach who always complain. Most residents are helpful and watchful on new cats being dropped off.

Will the cats be ear-tipped? Yes

Will the cats be microchipped? Yes

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

These are very dedicated volunteers that have been in Catpals and feeding for over ten years to the same colonies. The local rules changing has created an daily emergency for us, we have learned how to keep up with the drop offs and colonies of course over the years, but now that the cats must be removed we have built our own sanctuary catio to save them from being euthanized.This year the grant money will spay/neuter our population that we expect to manage from the numbers we see every year inc

Objectives

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

Continue... we cannot let up with our volunteer work to spay/neuter abandoned and colony cats in our Park area. Starting April 2017, we had to start the removal of all the cats from the Park that get dropped off, the grant allows us to continue the sterilization of the cats we trap in the park as that number continues to rise and is more urgent because they must be removed or euthanized by animal control; while we use our annual fund raising efforts to build and now expand the enclosure for them. This will save them from animal controls euthanasia program. There are more and more being dropped off as we remove the existing population.

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

It will increase to 200; we know that is the budget after 10 years of consistently raising this money ourselves and our records of saved cats. This year we raised enough money for the enclosure, much of that was from local residents and our own volunteers but it should have been for more cats to spay and neuter. We will also now incur operating expenses to keep them safe in the enclosure and keep up with the increasing drop offs in our Parks. The tourist season is in play, when they leave right before the summer and all the kittens are born we would be able to handle both the enclosure, our baseline of 200 without having to reach out to other organizations and asking for assistance or fostering cats furlong periods of time until we can have an adoption package completed.

Methods

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

If a cat is dropped off, abandoned or comes in to the Park/neighborhood we will help it. Currently, we must remove it and relocate as well as spay and neuter.

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

We have had a website for over ten years, the entire community knows Cat Pals, they call us to help them. We have signs, we attend the Park meetings, we work with the residents. and, We have a very active Facebook that reaches over 20,000. The issue is always having the financial resources to assist the calls.

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

We have several volunteers with trucks and vans. We have always used pictures and posters in the parks and work with the police officers that monitor the park for crime. The truth is they are dropped off and there are camera's but it isn't enforced very well.

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.

no

Veterinary Services

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

we have long standing relationships with multiple veterinarians that are very supportive of our cause. They also take our cats when they have been injured and are very supportive to keep the population down.

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, 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	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
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 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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 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 which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

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

The other services above are included in adoption packages, that total cost is 200\$. When we bring the cats in for sterilization, they are tested for FIV, given revolution and their ear is tipped. that is \$60.00

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
Broward County Animal Control	We are always talking to them when we are missing cats. Their staff is extremely helpful, the Director is familiar with our program. Some cats are picked up before we can trap them. If we find them at Animal Control we will put a hold on them, especially if its getting close to 72 hours so they are not euthanized and try to release or find homes. The gives them a chance to come back to us and not be euthanized
CatCrusade	We have planned fund raising events together for years, we call when we are short on fosters also or have an ill cat and don't have an immediate appointment. They cover a different area in the community but we always help each other and do adoptions together at PetSmart. They are most helpful with young kittens that need bottle feeding.
Catopia	Debbie is wonderful assisting us in finding adopters, she accounts for a good 40% of our cats finding forever homes

Other Information

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

We have a history over over 20 years in this Park area, the last ten have been more formal and have saved thousands of cats from sickness, death and starvation. in 2018 the rules changed in our Parks and we must now relocate but continue to trap, sterilize, feed, foster the newly abandon. We have built an enclosure (on donated land) as a sanctuary to save them. The expenses are now increased by keeping them safe and continuing to keep up with the new abandoned cats in the park.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 200 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$12,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$60.00

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

ear notching is included. We raise funds, approximately \$15,000 and consistently have raised this range of a budget year over year - although 202 fell very short in donations, the balance was carried by the volunteers. The \$12,000 will allow us to meet the new uprise in drop offs in our Park system and kitten season and connote fund raising for the operational expenses of feeding the abandoned cats in the enclosure we are building. .

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

Traditionally we have had four events a year, a comedy club, 2 social events, and a large raffle of over 100 baskets all donated by

the community and volunteers. This year all we were able to have was a Go-Fund-Me for the enclosure. Approximately 20% to relocate and house our Park cats as well as the need to keep up with the demand of the new drop offs.

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

50

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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: 05/02/21/ **Projected end date:** 05/01/22

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 have many volunteers, (hopefully younger volunteers again for the summer) that are helping with new fund raising ideas, with COVID it really has to be on-line focused. we have been in place formally for over ten years and have an amazing reputation of helping the animals, s folks consistently donate. We are now going to continue to work with our HoA in Hollywood for funding and look at other grants. Today, outside of the enclosure we need to finish building to relocate the cats, we have kept up with the animals services needs and funding. The enclosure was s key to saving their lives, the \$12,000.00 grant will ensure we can maintain our baseline of 200 and increase our services to the addition abandoned

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 have a very active Facebook account for CatPals, please come see us! We would like to revamp the promotion there and we also can include information in each adoption and all of our social events we do all year. It's a partnership.

Number of FAF specialty plates on vehicles of staff and/or volunteers:

Unknown