

Grant ID: 2000

Title of Proposal: TNR Lee County
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$21,000.00
Check Payable To: Fortunate Ferals Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Fortunate Ferals Inc
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 11/02/2012

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$16,120.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$32,880.00

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 12

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 432.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Grant Recipient Promotion

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1680	2016	Project Eartip	Denied (not completed)
1697	2017	Project Eartip	Funded
1779	2018	Operation Eartip	Ineligible
1847	2019	EarTips Appreciated!	Funded
2000	2021	TNR Lee County	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 Other Educational And Community I**List your current board of directors:**

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
David Brown	Vice President	239-322-7027	Retired
Glenda Sparnroft	President	347-403-1674	Retired
Mary Beth Broderson-Soper	Treasurer	239-368-0209	Retired

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.****426 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?

N/A

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.

Fortunate Ferals is dedicated to provide TNR assistance, education, information and guidance to responsible caretakers of feral and community cat colonies. We have partnered with Gulf Coast Humane Society to hold educational TNR workshops for interested individuals and we offer hands on coaching to participants who feel that they need more experience. With dedicated volunteers working closely with responsible colony caretakers throughout the community, a large number of feral and community cats will become sterilized in the shortest amount of time.

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?

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) is the best option to help with the overpopulation problem with feral and community cats because they provide FREE spay/neuter for cats on the street but because of appointment scheduling cutbacks over the years, they have dropped their TNR appointments from 40+ a day to 2 or 3 a week per individual and this has created an out of control problem for our area. Since these appointments are now extremely limited, it is difficult for anyone to have sterilize their colony in a reasonable amount of time and therefor cannot stop the overpopulation issue in their colony. Our second option is low cost spay/neuter clinics and we are continuously holding fundraisers and writing grants to assist with covering the costs, but sadly with the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak, even our fundraising as become almost nothing. With the help of the Florida Animal Friends Grant it will enable us to utilize more of these low cost clinics and increase our TNR numbers to a higher level.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Fort Myers 33917/ Lehigh Acres 33972
Total human population in target area:	39546
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	25%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	11984

Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	9887
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	6591
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
Our proposed targeted areas are low and limited income neighborhoods and mobile home communities where people are on fixed incomes and cannot afford to spay and neuter the animals, but continue to let them roam and reproduce. We feel the number presented above may be less than the actual number of cats living at these targeted locations.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
Abandoned or unsupervised and unsterilized pets and free roaming animals are left to reproduce and also pet owners who let their unsterilized pets roam free with any thought or understanding of how they are actually contributing to the overpopulation problem.	
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?	
LCDAS currently provides free spay/neuter surgeries for TNR but appointments are extremely limited and since reducing their TNR appointments from 40+ a day to 2 or so a week for individuals, they cannot possibly keep up with the demand for these TNR surgeries. Unfortunately, most feeders cannot afford the low cost options of \$35 per cat to get their colonies spayed/neutered. Low cost spay and neuter is also available for residents on low or fixed incomes, but very few have the money to take advantage of even that.	
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.

Precise boundaries are within these two zip codes of Lee County limits and are focused on two areas containing several mobile home communities and low income/fixed income sections. Zip code 33917 is 55.3 square miles and zip code 33972 is 25 square miles. It was decided that mass trappings in these two selected areas would be more beneficial in this situation.

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

These locations were selected based on the amount of calls we received from concerned people requesting help in those exact locations. Since this grant is based on maximum benefit of spay/neuter to a specific location, these communities were researched and selected as potential best locations for much needed TNR.

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

Targeted area is within community limits with very few backyards leading onto commercial properties, while most are low income mobile homes and low income housing.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 6591

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 605

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 600

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

Fortunate Ferals has volunteers who help feeders care for and maintain these feral cat colonies. Any assistance necessary is provided for residents who care for these managed colonies and cat food donations are provided when available. Fortunate Ferals also provides continued education and support to any caretaker for any injured or sick feral cat or new cat that may wander into an established colony. When the project is completed, we will enlist a volunteer in that area to help out as needed.

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:

Lee County Domestic Animal Services, Gulf Coast Humane Society, Cape Coral Animal Shelter, numerous veterinary clinics and most local rescues all support the TNR program. Dedicated rescues help with adoptions of stray cats and socialized kittens that are found within the feral cat colonies.

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

Our organization does not endorse the release of cats onto local, state or federal wildlife preserves or parks. Also, Fortunate Ferals volunteers manage and maintain cat colonies on a daily basis and provide a feeding regimen that is sufficient to offset the need to hunt local wildlife

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

Fortunate Ferals will provide education and counselling to caretakers to reduce and eliminate nuisance behavioral problems at specific colony locations as needed. We also provide information to neighbors, homeowners associations, business owners and other neighborhood groups about TNR and the positive impact it has on controlling nuisance behavior as well as its benefits in and around the community by controlling the feline overpopulation problem.

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.

Fortunate Ferals will continue to provide training, education and support to users of this program to ensure trapping success. We will try to enlist several TNR Volunteers in every mobile home community or low income neighborhood who actually resides in that area, so that colonies will be continued to be monitored for new, sick or injured cats. Colony caretakers can contact any or our volunteers at any time when looking for advice, suggestions and support. We believe that teamwork always wins.

Objectives

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

Fortunate Ferals goal is to TNR an extra 600 cats at low cost clinics for \$35/ cat. This would enable us to make the biggest impact by mass trapping in targeted areas in the shortest amount of time.

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

This number significantly adds to our 2020 TNR spay/neuter surgeries of 426 by 140%

Methods

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

Eligibility for this TNR program is based on the fact that cats are feral/free roaming or community cats. Caretakers must agree that ALL cats will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, eartipped and returned to the colony location. Friendly cats will be placed for adoption if space available at local rescues. Caretakers are required to continue feeding and maintaining that colony and have to agree to TNR any new cats that might show up.

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

Fortunate Ferals will advertise the Florida Animal Friend grant thru social media, website, local newsprint, any newly printed organization materials and by word of mouth. Information sheets will be distributed at targeted locations and will also include specifics of the TNR project. Leaflets will be available at ALL local community events and TNR workshops.

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

Trapping, transporting and proper handling training will be provided to individuals or groups before any TNR project begins. Fortunate Ferals volunteers will be available to assist with any of these things if the needed. Based on past experiences, we do not anticipate any illiteracy or cultural problems and do not foresee any at this time. Language barriers, if encountered, will be dealt with by our bilingual volunteers and also our available printed material.

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.

This project does not require any other means of transportation or handling, other than that provided by the caretaker or our experienced volunteers. Caretakers will be trained in proper handling techniques and will be required to sign a waiver stating such.

Veterinary Services

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

Local low cost clinics have been contacted and will perform the spay/neuter surgeries for average of \$35 per cat regardless of their sex

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Gulf Coast Humane Society	2010 Arcadia Drive	Fort Myers	FL	33916	239-332-1573	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PAWS Lee County	965 Pondella Rd	North Fort Myers	FL	33903	239-652-6722	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rohlk Animal Hospital	4002 Wholesale Court	North Fort Myers	FL	33903	239-995-8582	<input 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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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:

Average cost per cat is \$35 and includes the eartip. Any additional costs for vaccinations, parasite meds, testing, medical and/or surgery if necessary, will be covered by Fortunate Ferals.

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 Roof for Roofus Rescue	Will provide help with adoptions of found friendly strays and socialized kittens.
Cape Coral Animal Shelter	Will provide help with adoptions of found friendly strays and socialized kittens and also promote and provide information about TNR to individuals who seek assistance or to those wanting to volunteer with Fortunate Ferals.
Cat Tails and More	Will provide help with adoptions of found friendly strays and socialized kittens.
Gulf Coast Humane Society	Will provide help with adoptions of friendly strays or socialized kittens and will promote and provide information to individuals who seek assistance or willingness to volunteer with Fortunate Ferals. Provide venue for TNR workshops and offers an incentive of 2 free TNR spay/neuter surgeries for participants of the TNR workshops.

Other Information

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

With the support of low cost clinics, private veterinary practices, dedicated volunteers and colony caretakers, we can focus on our mission of low cost spay and neuter services for feral and community cats. With previous experience in organizing and carrying out several mass trapping, we feel that we can accomplish our goal of providing TNR at locations that would most benefit.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 600 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$21,000.00

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.):

Any vaccinations, antibiotics, parasite meds, medical and/or surgery costs if required, along with TNR transportation costs, pre/post surgery supplies and TNR miscellaneous items will be provided by Fortunate Ferals.

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

Any extra costs required will be covered thru Fortunate Ferals usual fundraising practices and public donations.

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

80

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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: 09/01/21/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/22

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.**

Fortunate Ferals is continuously searching for addition grant funding from other available sources. Additionally, we plan to continue our traditional methods of direct community and web based fundraising and rely on the generosity of public donations while still applying for much needed larger grants. We will utilize any available free TNR appointments at Lee County Domestic Animal Services while awaiting funding from donors and grant applications.

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.**

Fortunate Ferals will promote Florida Animal Friend Grant and license plate sales on our website, social media pages and any newly printed organization material. We will issue press releases announcing grant approval and include the importance of FAF license plate sales. Fortunate Ferals will provide continuous updates of project activities and post announcements and descriptions on our website social media pages.

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

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