

Grant ID: 2009

Title of Proposal: Smitten with Kittens
Agency Type: Municipal
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Osceola County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Osceola County Animal Services
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/19 **End:** 09/30/20

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$164,239.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,394,670.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 35 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 150

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 40.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Have known about it since its inception

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

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1448	2015	Big K-9 spay/neuter for low income families	Funded
1698	2017	Friendly and Feral Community Cat program	Funded
1866	2019	Feral Felines and Community Cats	Funded
2009	2021	Smitten with Kittens	Funded

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

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

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Brandon Arrington	Board Chair	407-742-2000	ED Osceola Arts
Cheryl Grieb	Commissioner	407-742-2000	Realtor
Peggy Choudhry	Commissioner	407-742-8000	Business Owner
Ricky Booth	Commissioner	407-742-2000	Cattle Rancher
Viviana Janer	Commissioner	407-742-2000	CPA

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

2395 cats and 2349 dogs were admitted.

1010 cats and 831 dogs were adopted.

618 cats and 427 dogs were euthanized.

1500 cats and 1009 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?

No

If not all, what percentage of animals are not currently sterilized before adoption?

If not all, how are animals selected for sterilization before adoption?

Animals are sterilized once they are adopted and prior to leaving the shelter with the new owner. In rare circumstances, if an animal needs medical treatment before surgery, the adopter leaves a deposit to ensure spay/neuter is completed.

If not all, describe your sterilization policies and procedures for assuring sterilization after adoption:

Adopter leaves a deposit of \$85 Does not get deposit until proof of sp/n Signs a binding agreement to have sp/n Can be cited for failure to comply

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.

Our staff has a combination of over 200 years of experience in shelter operations, field investigations, government services and programs, etc. We have tremendous longevity in our staff with several being here over twenty years and many here over 15 years.

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?

Just hired a Community Cat Program Coordinator. Budgeted for surgeries this fiscal year \$25,000 which ends September 30, 2021

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Osceola County
Total human population in target area:	380,000
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	13.4%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	115152
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	95000
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	63334
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2395
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2349

Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	618
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	427
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. NA	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: We just completed a 3 year Community Cat Program with Best Friends Animal Society. We will have pockets of cats in outlying areas that have not been TNRd. People continue to move and leave intact cats behind where they form colonies and began to reproduce.	
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? Low-cost spay/neuter clinic: Opened August 2016 and has completed about 30,000 spays/neuters. They stay booked out for several months which results in some animals being allowed to reproduce. Given we have a higher than the typical poverty rate in our community there is a great need for low-cost services in low-income areas.	
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 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 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.

Osceola County 1500 SM

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

Proof of county residency

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

We have two small municipalities in Osceola County, Kissimmee and St. Cloud. We are developing and growing quickly and losing our rural landscape. That said, we will have large ranches and undeveloped areas in the county.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 50000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 15000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 500

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

We have been able to hire one new person to fill the two recently vacated positions by Best Friends. this person, along with our Officers and volunteers will continue the community cat program work that has already been started in Osceola County.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

Community cats are not considered owned, however, feeders and caregivers are prohibited from feeding at night, leaving food out, allowing feeding areas to become cluttered or unsanitary, etc.

(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:

SNiP it Low-Cost Spay/neuter clinic

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

We do not approve colonies that are situated close to wildlife sanctuaries. We also encourage feeders to plant catnip, offer hiding places, etc. in areas where they are fed to minimize roaming.

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

We provide deterrents to citizens who have concerns about cats. most problem behaviors are abated via spay/neuter. We also bring young kittens into the foster program and send them out for adoption rather than leaving them in the community.

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.

Only cats that appear healthy and are old enough to receive a rabies vaccination are eligible. Also, they will be giving an FVRCP vaccine. Unhealthy cats will either be treated then TNRd or euthanized depending on the seriousness of the condition. Pain meds are given at the time of surgery.

Objectives

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

Continue to get as many community cats spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and returned as possible as well as given younger kittens a chance for adoption thereby immediately reducing the number of cats in a given area. To get as many outdoor cats rabies vaccinated as possible.

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

It will increase it by 500 animals at \$50.00 per surgery.

Methods

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

Must be a healthy cat Old enough for rabies vaccination Outdoor/community cat Must be in Osceola County

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

Social media/website/facebook/instagram Advertise in the local newspaper Press release

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

The new person we hired is bilingual and did TNR in Puerto Rico. We have a large Hispanic population in Osceola County and feel that she will be able to help overcome cultural obstacles due to her experience and background She speaks and writes english and Spanish very clearly.

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.

Yes, our new Community Cat Coordinator, Officers, and certain designated volunteers will handle the transporting of community cats.

Veterinary Services

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

We will use the local low-cost spay/neuter clinic for some of the surgeries but also find a relief veterinarian or high-volume vet with which to contract.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Snip It Clinic	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	FL	34741	407-479-4748	<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	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
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 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 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 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 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 cats are rabies and FVRCP vaccinated. They are given pain meds at the time of surgery. Examinations are not usually possible on community cats, although if they are, an examination would be conducted. All cats are ear tipped as the universal sign of being spayed/neutered.

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
SNiP--it Low Cost Clinic	Will provide services as qualified cats are scheduled.

Other Information

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

We will enlist St. Cloud and Kissimmee Code enforcement's involvement with this year's program since they enforce animal limitations in their cities. They typically have no services available to help their citizens and this would be very helpful for those who are struggling in today's economy.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

FVRCP vaccines will be given and the cost absorbed by the clinic.

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

No other funding sources have been identified as of yet, however, next year's budget will include a funding request. \$25,000 was budgeted for this fiscal year.

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: 10/01/21/ **Projected end date:** 09/01/22

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 will request funding in future budgets, continue to write grants, fundraise, and solicit donations.

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.**

Website Facebook Advertising

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

Unknown