

Grant ID: 2002

Title of Proposal: 2021 Putnam County Spay and Neuter Program**Agency Type:** Municipal**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Putnam County BOCC

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Putnam County BOCC**Website Address:** https://main.putnam-fl.com/**Person Submitting Proposal:** Sam Sullivan**Position:** Grants, Projects, Legislative Affairs Coordinator**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** sam.sullivan@putnam-fl.com**Agency Head:** Jim Troiano**Agency Head Email:** jim.troiano@putnam-fl.com**Organization Business Address:** 2509 Crill Avenue Suite 200**State:** FL**City:** Palatka**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 386-329-0205**Zip:** 32177**Cell:****Fax:**

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:** \$63,377.60**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$409,801.87**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 8 Part Time: 1**Number of Active Volunteers:** 1**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 10.00**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Previous awardee**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2011, 2013, 2015, 2018 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2017**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
220	2011	Putnam County No-Cost Spay Neuter Program	Funded
349	2013	Putnam County 2013 No-Cost Spay/Neuter Program	Funded
1476	2015	Spay & Neuter	Funded

1706	2017	2017 Low Cost Spay/Neuter Grant	Denied
1785	2018	2018 Low Cost Spay/Neuter Grant	Funded
2002	2021	2021 Putnam County Spay and Neuter Program	Funded

Describe your Organization:**Services Provided**

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
 Limited Intake Shelter
 Foster Network
 Animal Control
 Spay/Neuter Services
 Other

Organization Structure:

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

List your current board of directors:**Applicant Qualifications**

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

401 cats and 517 dogs were admitted.

393 cats and 485 dogs were adopted.

8 cats and 32 dogs were euthanized.

393 cats and 485 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?

10%

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

Animals are selected for sterilization based on date of intake, behavior and age.

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

Adopters are provided a voucher upon adoption. This enables them to take the adopted animal to a local vet and have it sterilized.

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.

Asides from working with local vets, the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine sends personnel over weekly to help sterilize some of the pets; however not all can be sterilized- this is why vouchers are occasionally necessary to be provided to adopters to have the animal sterilized. Our department's staff consists of one (1) manager, three (3) officers, three (3) kennel techs- one of which is part-time, and one (1) staff assistant who also performs dispatching services. This is a dedicated staff eager to review applications under the program, to vet applicants and to provide vouchers to qualified applicants. Various staff members will take time from their duties to shoulder their share of the burden vetting applications. Additional County resources will assist with the process to ensure the program's success.

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?

Our only current program is the weekly visit from the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine which provides free of

charge sterilizations to some of the animals housed in the shelter. However, this does not assist with the sterilization of animals already in homes which lead to most of the current overpopulation in Putnam County.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Putnam County
Total human population in target area:	74521
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	22.4
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	22583
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	18631
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	12421
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	401
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	517
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	8
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	32
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. Putnam County is one of the poorest counties in the State. Many of our residents do not have the financial resources to spay or neuter their pets; thus, resulting in more litters than usual and a larger animal population, domesticated and feral.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: With Putnam County being one of the poorest counties in the State, many residents do not have the financial resources to spay or neuter their pets resulting in multiple unwanted litters, and, therefore, a large animal overpopulation.	
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 University of Florida Veterinary Medicine College helps spay and neuter a handful of cats or dogs weekly.	
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 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.

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

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

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :

Estimated number that are currently sterilized:

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:

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

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

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:

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

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

**Will the cats be ear-tipped?
Will the cats be microchipped?**

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

Objectives

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

We are hoping to spay or neuter 500 cats or dogs from low income families residing in Putnam County. This should reduce the number of unwanted litters thus unwanted pets who then are abandoned and end up feral or sheltered.

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

This program will increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline by using the grant funds to offer these services to low income residents who, under normal circumstances, cannot afford them on their own.

Methods

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

Proof of County residency and income will be required of all participants Residents can provide either their latest tax returns or proof of financial assistance to determine their income eligibility.

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

Various outlets will be utilized to advertise the program. First, a press release will be composed and distributed to local media outlets such as newspapers, radio and television. This method should reach all residents. Second, posts in English and Spanish will be posted on the County's social media accounts to further reach our target audience. With an estimated 80% of Americans on social media, most of our target audience should be reached via this outlet. Third, bilingual flyers will be crafted and posted at local supermarkets, pet stores, veterinary offices and other high traffic commercial locations to promote the program throughout the community.

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

While we do not have the resources to address the transportation barrier, we will overcome the others by: 1- reaching out to the community through PSA's provided to local radio and television outlets thus providing an auditory communication relay to target audiences 2- posting bi-lingual notices on social media and at large supermarkets as well as veterinary clinics to help reach target audience from various cultural backgrounds

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.

Not at this time.

Veterinary Services

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

Once applicant has been vetted by County staff as meeting the eligibility criteria, they will be given a voucher for a service based on the type and gender of their pet. They will then contact one of the veterinary offices listed below to set up an appointment. Submission of the voucher to the staff at the veterinary office will be required for services to be rendered. Afterwards, the veterinary office will submit the vouchers to the county for payment out of grant funds. The three participating veterinary clinics will welcome vetted residents via appointment.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Animal Health Center of East Palatka	354 US-17	East Palatka	FL	32131	386-328-0327	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Medical Clinic	3301 Crill Avenue	Palatka	FL	32177	386-328-4613	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelton Veterinary Clinic	165 South CR 315	Interlachen	FL	32148	386-684-4077	<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="\$60.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>

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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
Other Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$17.00"/>
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
Ear tipping	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

Microchip Required Optional Not Available No Yes
Other Required Optional Not Available No 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:

These are standard set fees for the procedures.

Is this a voucher program? Yes

If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

Vouchers are color coded by service (spay or neuter, cat or dog), uniquely numbered, and issued to a specific resident in their name and who has been deemed eligible per the vetting system. All vouchers are logged upon issuance. Resident will then make an appointment with one of our program veterinarians to have their pet spayed or neutered. Numbered voucher will have to be provided by resident as form of payment and will be returned to the County for payment. This will allow County to complete log and assure compliance.

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

Since the successful applicant is responsible for making an appointment with a participating veterinarian, the veterinarian in question will be able to schedule accordingly to handle the capacity.

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the percentage that result in S/N surgeries?

Yes as copies of all vouchers related to performed surgeries will be returned to the County.

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
TBA	min

Other Information

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

Our primary goal is to reduce the number of unwanted litters in order to reduce the number of animals brought to the shelter as strays or unwanted pets. These funds will help us accomplish that goal by providing spay or neuter services to low income families who otherwise couldn't afford it. This will also reduce the number of animals that need to be euthanized thus helping us maintain our no kill status.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 200 **Dogs:** 300

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.):

Vaccinations and microchipping will be paid by the pet owner.

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

There are no other funding sources outside of this grant

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: 06/01/21/ **Projected end date:** 01/31/22

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 actively pursuing other grant opportunities for future spay and neuter events as well as other activities that would enhance our animal control programs.

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.**

Animal Friend license plates will be promoted by being included on all program flyers, the Putnam County Animal Control website, the Putnam County Facebook page, and local media (paper, tv and radio). Local rescues will also be approached and encouraged to advertise the license plate.

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

Unknown