

Grant ID: 1997

**Title of Proposal:** Fix It Forward, Levy and Surrounding Counties**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Rapscllion to the Rescue

## Application Information

## Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Rapscllion to the Rescue**Website Address:** www.rapsclliontotherescue.org**Person Submitting Proposal:** Sarah Podobinski**Position:** Vice President**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** podobinski.s@gmail.com**Agency Head:** Lynn Condermann**Agency Head Email:** rapsclliontotherescue@yahoo.com**Organization Business Address:** 4850 SE 212th Court**City:** Morriston**State:** FL**Zip:** 32668**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 352-528-3419**Fax:****Cell:** 352-359-5793

## Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 01/18/2013**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/20 **End:** 12/31/20**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$16,310.40**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$21,480.67**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**Number of Active Volunteers:** 8**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 40.00**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Previous years recipient as well as partnerships with numerous agencies who are also previous recipients**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1705	2017	Help Fix Levy and Surrounding Counties Unwanted Pet Population	Funded
1841	2019	Fix it Forward - Levy and Surrounding Counties	Funded
1997	2021	Fix It Forward, Levy and Surrounding Counties	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:**

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Deborah Pereja_Penton	Officer	954-494-2356	administration
Kim Lake	Officer	352-339-6641	fiscal manager
Sarah Podobinski	Vice President	352-359-5793	office manager
Virginia Niles	President	305-510-1934	retired
William Condermann	Treasurer	305-343-0380	retired

**Applicant Qualifications**

**For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:**

**1 cats and 7 dogs were admitted.**

**1 cats and 2 dogs were adopted.**

**0 cats and 3 dogs were euthanized.**

**1 cats and 7 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?**

NA

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

NA

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

NA

**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.**

Sarah Podobinski, our VP, is lead on our spay/neuter program. She is the point of contact for residents who are interested in S/N. She has been actively involved in rescue for over 9 years. Being a lifelong resident of our area, she has a strong relationship with the community. Our board also has over 50+ combined years of rescue experience as well as working knowledge of business models needed to maintain a successful program. Every year we evaluate our program and make any necessary changes to better serve our community.

**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 are currently providing spay/neuter services on a limited basis. Funding for this comes from fundraisers, private donors, events. Additional funding from the FAF Grant, allows us to greatly increase the number of people we are able to provide services to.

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>	Levy and surrounding rural counties
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	41,503
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	18.2
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	12577
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	10376
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	6918
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	1040
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	886

<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	341
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	25
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> Levy County specifically has 2 town/city managed shelters. Those intake numbers are not provided to us, therefore the numbers overall of the county overall are higher. The city/town managed shelters are unknown to the majority of residents. These smaller shelters do not provide adoption options, they are either returned to owner or euthanized.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> Levy County is a very rural, farming type community. Many animals are owned solely for farm or home protection. Unfortunately, a lot of these animals are kept outside, increasing their risk for becoming a stray. With many pet owners being low/middle income, they cannot afford proper vetting or housing/containment for their animals. Levy County has an ordinance against free roaming animals, Sec 14-34, therefore a lot of 'stray' animals end up at animal control, with the majority being large/pitbull type dogs.	
<b>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?</b> Levy County have several private veterinary practices through out the county. However, given the percentage of low to middle class residents, most of them cannot afford private spay/neuter services. Typically cost is based on weight making it even more difficult to afford for families with larger dogs. We do not have any low cost spay neuter clinics permanently in our area that is available to everyone. Our animal services offers low cost S/N but the client must be on government assistance, eliminating those who have an income that doesn't qualify for assistance but also doesn't allow them to afford an extra expense.	
<b>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:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input checked="" 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)?**

The main objective to our program is to help reduce the amount of unwanted animals in our county and to also help keep animals in the home. Spay/neuter reduces the amount of free roaming animals, reducing unwanted litters, free roaming animals and therefore the amount of animals that end up being given away or in shelters. Providing spay neuter services has also helped some families keep their pets due to making the pet more manageable with certain behaviors.

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

The Florida Animal Friend Grant will help us expand our current spay /neuter services, reducing the amount of unaltered pets. On average, we are able to provide services to 50-75 people, costing between \$70-100 per animal. There are services available for people who are on government assistance but we feel this excludes the middle class (working poor), people who cannot get assistance but also cannot afford to pay a private vet for spay neuter services. We would like to reach families across all ranges.

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

Any 'pit bull' type dog OR any large breed dog 40 pounds plus.

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

RttR has a large social media presence and strong relationships with numerous local business, rescues and media outlets that allow us to advertise. In our area we also rely a lot on word of mouth since many residents do not have access to computers or internet. We also use various other media sources such as print, radio and television.

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

RttR has volunteers of all ethnicities, income and age levels and many different backgrounds. Having such a diverse group, it allows us to reach out to many different subsets of people and to be able to communicate across varies boundaries.

**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.**

We have learned that many of our resident do not have vehicles or cannot afford to take time off of work. If the animals are unable to be transported by their owners, we will make arrangements. We have a large network of volunteers experienced in handling dogs and transporting. We always used a crate to secure the animal during transport as well as a slip leash to ensure their safety in and out of the vehicle.

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

Use of a high volume wellness clinic in a neighboring county.

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

**Veterinary Practices**

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Voice of Change Animal League	6393 SW 52nd Street	Ocala	FL	34474	(352) 289-0800	<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**

<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$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

	<b>Required, Optional, or Not Offered</b>	<b>Fee to Client?</b>
<b>Examination</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Rabies Vaccination if Due</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other Vaccination if Due</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Pain Medication</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Parasite Medication</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>HW Testing</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Feline Leuk/FIV</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>County License</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Ear tipping</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Microchip</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other</b>	<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:**

Items above are required but at no cost to the client. RttR will cover the cost of Rabies (\$10.00) that is required by the clinic. The optional items are at cost to the client and are based on the fee schedule at the clinic.

**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
98.5 KTK radio station	Advertising
Bronson Ace Hardware	Advertising
Levy County Animal Services	Referrals

Name	Level of Involvement
Thrifty Critter	Advertising and Fundraising
Tri County Bulletin Newspaper	Advertising
Voices of Change Animal League	Advertising and Referrals
WCJB TV20	Advertising
Williston Animal Group	Advertising and Referrals

## Other Information

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

RttR will reach out to citizens of Levy and surrounding counties with large and/or pit bull type dogs to offer spay neuter services. We will target low to middle income families and those who are s/n resistant in hopes that offering them free services will encourage them to take advantage of the service. Levy County is in desperate need of reducing the pet population in order to take the strain off of the county facility and the surrounding rescue groups.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 0 **Dogs:** 333

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$76.00

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

RttR has allocated funding to cover the cost of the required rabies vaccine. In doing so, it will allow the client to receive services at no cost to them, making the offer more attractive. Grant funding will cover the surgery costs only. Clients wanting additional services, will be at their own expense.

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

We have allocated funds raised from the previous year to offset the cost of the rabies vaccines.

**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 active participants in several local area events where we sell handmade pet items to help generate income throughout the year. We will also have a network private and corporate donors for donations and sponsorship. RttR also hosts several fundraising events throughout the year such as dinners, silent auctions and yard sales. We also apply to several other spay/neuter grants when they are available.

## 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.**

**The information is posted on our Facebook and other social media outlets as well as our website. We currently display and pass out information on FAF License Plate info at all events and activities we attend. We also give information to each of our spay neuter services recipient.**

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