

Grant ID: 2043

**Title of Proposal:** Spay the Bay  
**Agency Type:** Non-Profit  
**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Check Payable To:** Animal Coalition of Tampa Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

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| <b>Name of Applicant Agency:</b> Animal Coalition of Tampa Inc.       | <b>Website Address:</b> www.actampa.org     |
| <b>Person Submitting Proposal:</b> Samantha Polk                      | <b>Position:</b> Development Director       |
| <b>Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:</b> samantha@actampa.org |   |
| <b>Agency Head:</b> Linda Hamilton                                    | <b>Agency Head Email:</b> Linda@actampa.org |
| <b>Organization Business Address:</b> 8501 Ladue Lane                 | <b>City:</b> Tampa                          |
| <b>State:</b> Florida   | <b>Zip:</b> 33614                           |
| <b>Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):</b> 813-200-3900                             | <b>Fax:</b>                                 |
| <b>Cell:</b> 813-599-7637   |   |

Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 10/01/2001

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/19 **End:** 12/01/19

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,727,800.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,639,725.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 30 Part Time: 5

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 50

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 100.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** ACT has received FAF grants in previous years.

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2017, 2014, 2011,2014,2006,2007,2008 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2010

| Grant # | Proposal Year | Proposal Title                     | Status |
|---------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 180     | 2010          | Subsidy for Cost-Burdened Families | Denied |
| 253     | 2011          | SpayDay Everyday (Ferals)          | Funded |
| 1423    | 2014          | Trapper Tuesday (Ferals)           | Funded |
| 1600    | 2006          |                                    | Funded |
| 1601    | 2007          |                                    | Funded |
| 1602    | 2008          |                                    | Funded |
| 1741    | 2017          | Spay It Forward                    | Funded |
| 2043    | 2022          | Spay the Bay                       | Funded |

**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

**Describe your Organization:**  
**Services Provided**

**Organization Structure:**

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

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

**List your current board of directors:**

| Name                  | Title    | Phone        | Occupation              |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------|
| HAMILTON, DR. FRANK   | PT       | 813-200-3900 | Professor               |
| Hamilton, Linda R     | Director | 813-200-3900 | Director                |
| Velez, Wanda          | Director | 813-200-3900 | Veterinarian Technician |
| Wilson, Margaret West | Director | 813-200-3900 | Radiologist             |

**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.**
- 7104 cats and 2975 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.**

ACT's primary mission is to educate and assist our community in preventing the over population of unwanted cats and dogs. Our programming is especially important this year as across the nation we are seeing larger numbers of pets abandoned and unnecessary pet euthanizing. Spay the Bay is a year-round program that allows large numbers of spay and neuters to be performed for only \$10 per pet and includes the administration of the core vaccines essential in preventing parvovirus, distemper in dogs, panleukopenia in cats and rabies. Act's clinic is prepped for high volume of spay and neuters as well as life- essential services. Development Director, Samantha Polk, heads up our commitment by encouraging this program in Tampa Bay and surrounding areas. Focusing on maintaining the access to ACT services to a largely diverse and underserved population through partnerships, grants and maintaining donor relations. Our founding program, SpayDay, held on 2nd Monday of each month, sterilizes from 75-110 ferals. ACT has successfully completed thousands of feral cat surgeries for \$10 per cat including Ear tip, distemper and rabies vaccines and necessary medical issues are treated at the time of spay/neuter. SpayDay is the brainchild of ACT's Executive Director and Founder, Linda Hamilton.

**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?**

ACT's pricing structure is set to cover regular operating expenses. ACT's outreach program, SpayDay, is supplemented with budgeted funds and community partnerships. With the development of our Spay the Bay program ACT is able to extend the opportunity for pets to be spay/ neutered as well as receive rabies and distemper vaccines for just \$10 all year long. Additional funding for Spay the Bay and programs like SpayDay comes from grants, sponsorship and fundraising. While the success of SpayDay has always been a highlight of ACT's, it is not enough. Spay the Bay is a year-round program focused on reducing over population and meeting the pet needs of low-income households in our area. 30% of pet owners do not annually bring their pets to the vet visits. This leaves our community's pets vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases and extreme number growth in over population. ACT has the ability to preform 30 surgeries and 30 wellness appointments daily. Initiating Spay the Bay will make it possible for ACT to remain at high volume numbers, reduce over population and allows thousands of pets to live healthy and happy lives.

**Florida Animal Friend grants are for low-cost and/or no-cost spay/neuter programs; If you currently have such a program,**

**please describe**

ACT is a nonprofit veterinary clinic focusing on low-cost spay and neuters as well as life-essential services.

**Number of animals sterilized in that program in the past year:**

**Cats:** 6002 **Dogs:** 1877

## Target Population

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>   | Hillsborough County |
| <b>Total human population in target area:</b>  | 1376238             |
| <b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>   | 15.8                |
| <b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>  | 417042              |
| <b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>  | 344060              |
| <b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>  | 229373              |
| <b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>  | 7889                |
| <b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>  | 8545                |
| <b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>  | 1357                |
| <b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>  | 812                 |
| <b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b><br>Animal Coalition of Tampa serves all of Hillsborough County. We believe our target population to reflect the above numbers reported.   |                     |
| <b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b><br>Hillsborough County has a lack of education and opportunity for advantages in pet ownership. It is through not knowing the importance of spay/neuter as well as how or where these pet owners can access low-cost veterinary services. ACT's Mission is to change this.   |                     |
| <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><br>The two primary spay/neuter programs are ACT's SpayDay program and the Humane Society of Tampa Bay's (HSTB) Community Cats program. Veterinarians' fees in our county are too high for low-income caregivers. We need to provide an extra low price so these caregivers can afford to sterilize and vaccinate their pets.   |                     |
| <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><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pets in low-income families</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit Bull / large breed dogs</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>TNR managed colonies of feral cats</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> |                     |

## 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.**

Our targeted area is Hillsborough County, FL and it includes 1,020 square miles.

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

Hillsborough County residences who trap a cat are eligible for Spay the Bay. These community cats will have their ear tipped during the spay/neuter surgery as well as receive pain medication and rabies and panleukopenia vaccines.

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

Hillsborough County includes urban area's within the Tampa city limits, suburban area's surrounding the city as well as a large rural area. Free roaming community cats as well as feral cats live in all three types of areas.

**Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :** 215263

**Estimated number that are currently sterilized:** 71750

**Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:** 23400

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

Cats trapped for this program will have caregivers which are already caring for the cats. These caregivers include individuals and dedicated volunteer rescue groups.

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

Yes

**Please explain what is allowed:**

County ordinance states that feral cats are required to have adequate food and water. Caregivers must provide proof of vaccines. Tags are not required. This is consistent with the spay/neuter packages we are providing in this program.

**(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:**

TNR is supported by many local volunteer groups in our area. Primary supporters include ACT, HSTB, South Shore Felines, Feline Folks, St. Francis Animal Rescue, and Cat Crusaders.

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

Properly managed colonies have low negative impact on local wildlife. Cats that are fed on a regular basis are less likely to hunt local wildlife for food. This program allows what has become one of the most invasive species, cats, to live healthy lives with proper care.

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

Spay The Bay's ability to provide educational information to caregivers which keeps colonies healthy by providing affordable vaccines and wellness care as needed.

**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.**

Trapped cats will be brought to ACT by caregivers. These animals are checked into our clinic and given a pre surgical exam by the veterinarian. Any wounds or other health issues will be noted and treatment recommendations given to caregivers. TNR cats healthy and old enough for surgery will be spay/neutered, ears will be tipped and vaccines administered.

## Objectives

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

Our objective is to give Hillsborough County the educational resources to spay/neuter their pets as well as vaccinate annually. We expect to sterilize an additional 650 free roaming and feral cats in this program. With our current statistical information, we expect 52% of the cats will be female and 48% will be males. The grant will pay for the surgical costs, the client's \$10 payment will cover the cost of the rabies vaccine, distemper vaccine, dewormer, and pain injection. Overhead costs will be absorbed by ACT.

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

The Spay The Bay program will increase our spay/ neuter surgeries by 100 to 120 feral, community and owned cats per month.

## Methods

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

All cats must be in a trap and then are registered for the \$10 program with Spay The Bay. They will be ear tipped and vaccinated as well sterilized.

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

ACT has been established as a leading nonprofit veterinary clinic in the Tampa Bay community for over 20 years. Our compassionate programming extends deep throughout the area. We also have a strong social media presence with over 11,000 Facebook followers and we send over 25,700 email blasts keeping our community up to date on all ACT's programming and opportunities.

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

ACT provides informational programming distribution in Spanish as well as English. We also have several bilingual staff members on both our administration department and medical teams.

**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.**

ACT has a van "Neuter Scooter" which is available to pickup of cats and dogs. We plan to expand the usage of that van to pick up large numbers of traps for our Spay The Bay program. We are fully licensed for animal pickup and selected ACT employees are covered for driving responsibilities.

## Veterinary Services

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

ACT's clinic has three fulltime veterinarians and full surgical staff members. Our surgical room is fully prepped with multiple surgical tables to accommodate the high volume of surgeries we preform. ACT also have a program which allows certified veterinarians the ability to earn their needed surgical hours.

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                         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Range for Male Cats</b>   | <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$32.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$42.00"/> |
| <b>Range for Female Cats</b> | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  | <input type="text" value="\$38.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$38.00"/> |
| <b>Range for Male Dogs</b>   | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  |
| <b>Range for Female Dogs</b> | <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?  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Examination</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>Rabies Vaccination if Due</b> | <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="\$2.00"/> |
| <b>Other 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>Pain Medication</b>           | <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="\$2.00"/> |
| <b>Parasite Medication</b>       | <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="\$2.00"/> |
| <b>HW Testing</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>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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes                                     |
| <b>Ear tipping</b>               | <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="\$2.00"/> |
| <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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$2.00"/> |

**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:**

\$10 fee includes all required services including rabies, pain medicine, parasite medication (including earmites and parasites) ear tipping and (other) antibiotic and distemper. Antibiotic for ferals was an agreement within our vet community and distemper was requested by the county when they approved the practice of TNVR in the county.

**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  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Seminole Heights Association | High level: this community group has members that are very focused on treating their animals with dignity and respect. They have asked for us to be a part of their community and help to advise and train.               |
| St Francis Animal Rescue     | Medium Level: This 501©3 organization provides education to the community about TNVR. They also collaborate with ACT to take kittens from ACT's SpayDay if they are young enough for socialization.                       |
| Tampa Cat Crusaders          | High level; this 501c3 rescue/tnvr group is organized and active. ACT works occasionally with Cat Crusaders on community projects and often spays and neuters free roaming and feral cats for as little as we can afford. |

### Other Information

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

ACT has been providing high quality spay/neuter service to Hillsborough County for over 20 years. We have advocated for changes within our community and have followed them through to see some movement and success. ACT played a major role in the county's change of standing in regard to the legality of TNVR. We take our commitments seriously and we expect the best from those in the position to make positive changes for the animals. We are being extremely conservative with our promises and requests for this grant funding request.

### Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 600 **Dogs:** 0

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$42.00

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

Additional expenses include ear tipping, antibiotics & distemper vaccines; ACT's partners and client will absorb cost with copay.

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

Client will supplement cost with \$10 copay. Foundation Partners also provide funding which allow additional vaccines. Any unforeseen issues will be absorbed by ACT and the caregiver will have the opportunity to donate to that service.

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

75

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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:** 06/01/22/ **Projected end date:** 05/31/23

**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 factor this year long Spay the Bay program into the next budget after the grant is completed, as we did SpayDay and the Community Cat special pricing. Future funding sources include fees from fundraising event activities, sponsorships, grants, foundation partners, donations, payments by caregivers and other opportunities.

**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.**

**ACT encourages its employees to purchase spay/neuter license plates and provides a reimbursement as incentive. All new hires are advised of this policy, and employees share parking facilities with our clients. Clients are also provided with free educational literature about the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate in the ACT clinic lobby and events. All Spay the Bay promotional material and web presence will include the FAF logo and involvement.**

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

**Unknown**