

Grant ID: 2076

Title of Proposal: Community Outreach Spay/Neuter P

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA INC.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency:	ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA INC.	Website Address:	2601 SW 27th Avenue
Person Submitting Proposal:	Renee Bleemer	Position:	Board President
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Agency Head:	Renee Bleemer	Agency Head Email:	Renee@awsfl.com
Organization Business Address:	2601 SW 27th Avenue	City:	MIAMI
State:	FL	Zip:	33133
Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):	305-858-3501	Fax:	
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/01/1980

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/21 **End:** 12/31/21

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,557,718.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,657,932.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 15 Part Time: 4

Number of Active Volunteers: 20

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 60.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Fortunately Animal Welfare Society was a Florida Animal Friend grant recipient in 2016, 2018 and 2020. Our president actually was made aware of the grant when she purchased her FAF license plate in 2010.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2016, 2018 and 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1474	2015	Community Outreach	Denied (not completed)
1682	2016	Community Outreach	Funded
1801	2018	Community Outreach	Funded
1937	2020	Community Outreach Spay/Neuter Program	Funded
2076	2022	Community Outreach Spay/Neuter P	Funded

Describe your Organization:

Services Provided

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network

Organization Structure:

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

- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other
- Rescue Group
- Other

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Barbara Napier	Director	305-858-3501	Realtor
Barbara Weeks	Secretary	305-858-3501	Hospital Administrator
Betsy Perez	Director	305-858-3501	Entertainment Management
Emily Totino	Vice President	305-858-3501	Realtor
Janet Horwitz	Treasurer	305-858-3501	Bookkeeper
Jeffrey Flanagan	Director	305-858-3501	Attorney
Nick Studds	Director	305-858-3501	Entrepreneur
Renee Bleemer	President	305-858-3501	Educator
Victoria Moore	Director	305-858-3501	Fitness Coach

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

28 cats and 4 dogs were admitted.

28 cats and 4 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

28 cats and 4 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.

Animal Welfare Society of South Florida (AWS) opened in 1972 as low cost spay and neuter clinic. Over the years we have grown into a full-service hospital. Our veterinary staff consists of one full time doctor and four part time doctors along with ten veterinary technicians, two lab technicians and three receptionists. Our active client listing is over 25,000 with an average patient visit for our veterinarians at 30 per day. We have digital X-ray equipment and in clinic blood processing capability from Abaxis. Our senior veterinarian Dr. Mislseydi Martin has 24 years of experience in the management of sterilization programs and will oversee the program. We are staffed 24/7 with a Vet Tech always in ICU. Our hospital is open 6 days and perform spay/neuter surgeries Monday-Friday. If needed, we perform surgeries on Saturday.

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?

AWS does have our Community Outreach program in place to offer low or no cost spay and neuters. However, every year we exhaust every dollar donated to this program and maintain a wait list till more funds are generated. We do appropriate funds from private donations and fundraisers to support our Community Outreach program. However, the need is still great for fee waived services. Even with our Community Outreach spay/neuter program, our funds deplete quickly and the waiting list is long. There is a significant population willing to spay/neuter if they are not financially obligated. In order to provide the service, additional funding is required. We recognize the need is even greater since the Covid 19 pandemic has had a significant financial impact on our target area.

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

Our Community Outreach Spay/Neuter program is in place and completely funded by donations and or grants. We appropriate funds on a yearly and monthly basis which can fluctuate if donations/grants are received during the year. The Community Outreach program is for owned cats/dogs

and we have a protocol in place to qualify pet owners who express financial difficulty.

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

Cats: 84 **Dogs:** 36

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	City of Miami
Total human population in target area:	485,540
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	23.6
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	147134
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	121385
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	80924
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 target area animal population is not significantly different than the estimate.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: The pet overpopulation crisis is still ongoing in Miami-Dade County. The most substantial source of dog and cat overpopulation continues to be in the City of Miami, where parts are impoverished with some well-meaning but low-income residents. We are also aware there exists a lack of understanding of the importance for spay/neutering despite best community efforts to explain how easy it is for dogs/cats to mate, have litters and repeat the cycle. There also seems to exist the belief that is profitable to breed and sell dog litters. Because we provide low cost and often compassion veterinary care in our animal hospital, we know there is a great need for accessible and free sterilization among the owned pets we treat.	
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? Miami-Dade County Animal Services has a program in place offering free spays/neuters to qualified owners along with the Humane Society. We also participate with the South Florida Vet Foundation spay/neuter program. However, despite this collective effort, the demand is still high for low/no cost spays/neuters. We don't feel the resources are insufficient, it is more the number of financially restricted pet owners and pets in need continues to exist.	
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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 0

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 0

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 0

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

N/A

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:

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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.

N/A

Objectives

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

It is our hope, with the FAF funds to significantly add to our Community Outreach Spay/neuter program. Our goal is to provide 300 sterilization surgeries for cats and 160 sterilization surgeries for dogs belonging to low income qualified residents of Miami. We know by spaying and neutering we will reduce the number of unwanted litters adding to the number of dogs and cats living on the streets only to keep the reproduction cycle repeating and/or ending up in shelters where unfortunately, they may be euthanized.

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

We know there are both AWS clients and Miami residents that due to financial issues, are unable to obtain the sterilization surgery for their pets. This grant will allow us to increase surgeries above the baseline which is currently 100 for cats and 55 for dogs.

Methods

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

The criteria for qualification for our program will be determined upon the pet owner providing proof of participation in government assisted programs including Medicaid, SSI(Supplemental Social Security) Reemployment Assistance, Aid for Dependent Children, Jackson Memorial Hospital Clinic cards and income level (U.S. Poverty guidelines.)

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

Advertising will be promoted in Spanish and English and Creole at our hospital, through press releases, social media, local pet expos, radio spots, City of Miami NET (Neighborhood Enhancement Team) and hopefully with WPLG 10 Miami "Animal Advocate" segments.

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

We will address promotional barriers by having all material prepared in English, Spanish and Creole when necessary. Person to person contact will cover illiteracy concerns. Local radio spots will be on English, Spanish and Haitian-American stations. The pet owners will have to provide their own transportation.

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.

N/A

Veterinary Services

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

Here at AWS we have one full-time and four part-time veterinarians along with ten veterinary technicians on staff to meet the surgical demands of the program.

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
Range for Male Cats	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$145.00

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabies Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input 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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
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:

AWS will absorb costs of any testing, vaccines or parasite medication, especially if our doctors feel it is necessary to check if a cat or dog is healthy enough to go under anesthesia. All FAF funds go directly to the surgery.

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
Everyday Humane	Everyday Humane and it's Humane Education Program is tied in with many Miami Dade Schools, both public and private. Their mission is to provide informative lessons about animal plight. AWS is a frequent presenter to students and adults explaining the importance of spay/neutering in controlling pet overpopulation along with other aspects of responsible pet ownership.
Help Miami Dogs	Help Miami Dogs is dedicated to helping people and their pets in one of the poorest areas of Greater Miami, Little Haiti. With their help we will be able to promote our program through their ability to literally knock on doors to educate, motivate and encourage pet owners to spay and neuter.

Other Information

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

A valuable resource to South Florida for over 50 years, Animal Welfare Society has helped thousands of pets and their owners with our low cost, full service veterinary care. Because the target population includes the people we see every day, we know the community, their financial hardships and understand the need for free sterilization. The need continues to be great and now more than ever with the lingering financial impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on so many pet owners. The additional funds will allow us to continue and expand this mission. We are seeing more and more loving pet owners, now struggling to make ends meet with rising prices on everything from gas to rent to food. Many are having difficulty buying pet food so spaying or neutering is not a priority. We do have a food bank and provide as much cat and dog food to the community as possible. In closing, we are confident this grant will help us help perform these vital sterilizations to the struggling families along with those in the neighborhoods we wish to encourage.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 300 **Dogs:** 160

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$55.00

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

AWS staff veterinarians will be paid for out of the annual budget. Antibiotics, medical supplies (syringes e-collars), ear tipping, testing, vaccines (other than rabies) and basic examinations will be included.

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

AWS is fortunate, one of our biggest supporters, The Thomas E. Rodgers Jr. Foundation, is committed to supporting our spay/neuter program and we will use a portion of his donation, when needed.

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

70%

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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: 08/01/22/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/23

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.**

AWS is committed to helping reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats, therefore, we budget approximately \$12,000.00 annually to maintain our Community Outreach Spay/Neuter Program. Donations and fundraisers fuel this program. AWS is fortunate to have strong relationships with individuals and foundations committed to helping control dog and cat overpopulation in Miami.

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.**

Regardless of whether we are an active recipient of a generous grant from Florida Animal Friend, AWS never stops promoting the sales of the FAF Spay/Neuter License Plate. We continue postings on our social media and at all our events. We encourage all employees and Board Directors to buy a FAF plate upon renewal. We prominently display FAF printed material in our lobby and exam rooms and FAF is included in any/all AWS printed material as well.

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

6