

Grant ID: 2089

Title of Proposal: Fix the Quincy Cats
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$10,000.00
Check Payable To: Big Bend TNR Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Big Bend TNR Inc. **Website Address:** www.bigbendtnr.org
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Agency Head: Frances Alford **Agency Head Email:** frances.alford@floridadep.gov
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State: FL **Zip:** 32304
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 10/18/2021

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$54,722.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$57,114.00

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 25

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 100.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? License Plate ads

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 0 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
2089	2022	Fix the Quincy Cats	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
Angel Stock	Secretary	850-264-1104	Medical
Della Wallace	Treasurer	850-728-6280	Medical
Frances Alford	Director	850-756-9776	Appraiser
Heather McNeel	President	850-694-5032	Retired

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.

2732 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

- Stray/Lost pet intake
- Foster Program
- Wellness services to understand pet owners
- Volunteer Program
- Owner surrendered animals
- Food Bank
- Cruelty investigation
- High volume spay/neuter clinic
- Lost and Found Program
- Behavior counseling
- Enforcement of ordinances
- Full service wellness clinic
- Adoption Program
- Disaster services

If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption?

No

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

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

No adoptions, we send any adoptable kittens and cats to cat rescues.

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.

Big Bend TNR is a group of volunteers that trap feral cats. We are committed to the safe trapping of feral cats and getting them fixed, vaccinated, and returned to their homes. We require the colony to be maintained by one of our volunteers so the cats get adequate food and meds for parasites.

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 funding comes from donations from social media and from businesses in the community. We also occasionally get help from the board that makes contributions.

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

We TNR and use a low cost clinic for surgery.

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

Cats: Dogs: 0

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Gadsden County
Total human population in target area:	43714
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	21.9
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	13247
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	10929
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	7286
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	452
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	366

Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	452
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	181
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. Gadsden County has a large percentage of population living in poverty where residents typically cannot afford to spay and neuter pets and believe in allowing pets to roam freely. This causes a huge increase in the number of animals and is above the average.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Abandoned and unsterilized pets and free roaming animals that are left to reproduce due to a lack of education and inability to pay for spay and neuters.	
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? There are several small town vets in Gadsden County. Only one does trapped cats and the prices are above \$150 each animal. To get feral cats fixed in this area, the animals have to be taken to Tallahassee or Thomasville.	
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 type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input checked="" 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.

In Gadsden County, we are proposing to TNR several colonies in Quincy. There are six unsterilized colonies in Quincy with about 100 cats each. Animal Control is threatening to trap and euthanize the cats if nothing is done to stop the complaints.

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

These locations were selected based on conversations with feeders and Gadsden County Animal Control. The colonies are managed by feeders and the feeders are willing to trap the cats for them to be fixed.

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

Quincy is a small town in Gadsden County. It is primarily agricultural small town but the areas of the trapping are commercial buildings including with retail stores.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 600

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 100

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 400

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

The six colonies are in different retail areas of Quincy. The feeders know each other and feed constantly for each other. They have committed to continuing to manage the colonies. We provided some educational material for the feeders as well as powdered generic capstar to start working on the health of the colonies. In addition we have trapped about 100 cats in the colonies so far.

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:

Gadsden County Animal Control

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

These free roaming cats are located behind businesses and are fed daily to minimize the impact on local wildlife.

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

We are already addressing nuisance issues like fleas, digging in dumpsters, and the potential for rabies by educating the feeders and the citizens.

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.

The colonies will be maintained and monitored for sick or new arrivals on a daily basis. In addition, parasites are being addressed and eating from the dumpsters are being mitigated to eliminate scabies.

Objectives

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

We want to trap neuter and return the remaining 500 cats. This also includes flea meds, wormer, revolution, and DE to improve the health of the cats.

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

This number increases our 2021 TNR numbers by 18%.

Methods

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

If the cats are trapped in the area they will be trapped neutered and returned, unless they are of adoptable age. If so we have agreements with several local rescues to take young kittens.

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

Flyers will be distributed at targeted locations about the project and its goals.

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

Training has already been provided to the feeders/trappers of the colony. The rules for safe trapping and transportation have been provided and are constantly discussed. Big Bend volunteers are working with the feeders to trap the cats and get them to spay clinics.

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.

Big Bend's trappers will be transporting the cats and have been educated in proper handling of cats in traps.

Veterinary Services

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

We have agreements with South Georgia Spay and Neuter for trapped cats in the next couple of years. They are low cost spay and neuter clinics.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
South Georgia Spay	425 Covington Avenue	Thomasville	GA	31792	229-236-7297	<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	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please check each item below to indicate additional services offered at the time of surgery, whether the client is required to pay for them, and if so what the fee is. For example, if an examination is required for surgery but is not charged to the client it would be marked: Required Yes, Fee to client No

	Required, Optional, or Not Offered	Fee to Client?
Examination	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabies Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Ear tipping	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Microchip	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for pain medication which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

Any additional costs for vaccinations, medicine, or parasites will be covered by donations made to Big Bend TNR.

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
Its Meow or Never	Providing use of traps, and taking kittens when necessary. Also providing some volunteers.

Other Information

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

With the support of low cost spay and neuter clinics, dedicated volunteers, and experienced colony caregivers, and our experience with mass trapping, we feel we can complete this project and improve the life of these feral cats. The citizens benefit from the reduction in number of feral cats as TNR occurs and the cats causing nuisances such as fighting, digging in trash, and carrying fleas, scabies and other zoonotic diseases.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$10,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$20.00

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

In addition to the \$4,500 contributed by the board, any expenses for parasites, or unseen medical expenses has been approved to be contributed by the board if not raised through social media donations.

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

A contribution of \$25 per TNR was raised through targeted donations and contributions from board members. The total cost of the project is \$45 times 500 or \$22,500, with about \$12,500 coming from donations and contributions. We have currently raised \$8,000 in donations and the remaining \$4,500 promised from the board.

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

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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:** 12/31/22

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.**

Like many other rescues, we rely on donations using social media, in kind donations of supplies, grants like this one, and contributions by the board.

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.**

We will promote the license plate on our website, social media posts, and in flyers.

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

Unknown