

Grant ID: 2074

Title of Proposal: Community Cats
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: First Coast No More Homeless Pets

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: First Coast No More Homeless Pets
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State: FL
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 06/05/2002
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/20 **End:** 09/30/21
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$9,325,024.00
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$8,686,806.00
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 80 Part Time: 13
Number of Active Volunteers: 150
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 52.00
How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Previous recipient
Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):
Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2007, 2009, 2011,2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2013

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
115	2009	Trap-Neuter-Release Surgery Fund	Funded
215	2011	Pit Bull/Feral Cat Spay & Neuter Programs	Funded
345	2013	Fix a Kitty Litter	Denied (not completed)
1395	2014	Fix a Kitty Litter	Funded
1615	2007		Funded
1633	2016	The Big Fix	Funded
1753	2018	Community Cats	Funded
1882	2020	Community Cats	Funded
2074	2022	Community Cats	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
Anthony Austin	Member	904-354-1212	Reporter
Elizabeth Larey	Member	651-470-2297	LPGA Professional
Kelly Overby	President	904-370-0816	Senior VP, Bank of America
Lesley Roberts	Vice President	904-387-6297	Lesley Roberts Consulting
Linda Ann Di Teodoro	Member	904-710-9195	Doctor
Lisa Crowley	Member	845-661-0480	VP PNC Bank
Mary Coleman	Member	904-483-7189	Community Volunteer
Mike Schnell	Treasurer	904-285-5388	CPA
Rene Kurzius	Member	904-619-6919	Community Volunteer
Teresa Arnold-Simmons	Secretary	904-253-5757	Attorney

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.

672 cats and 880 dogs were euthanized.

17302 cats and 5768 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?

We do not perform adoptions

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

N/A

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.

The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) is to make veterinary care affordable and accessible to all as we save lives by keeping dogs and cats in homes and out of shelters, provide low-cost or free spay/neuter services with an emphasis on feral/community cats, and deliver a broad range of related programs and services. Our combination of aggressive spay/neuter efforts and pet retention programs has resulted in significant improvement in animal welfare. In 2002, the year we were formed, more than 32,000 animals entered the Jacksonville shelters and in excess of 23,000 of those animals were killed. Last year, intake at Jacksonville shelters was down to 8,199 and only 284 animals were euthanized. Jacksonville has been considered "no-kill" for a number of years, Thanks to our work, Jacksonville became the first city in the nation to declare that no cat would be killed in the shelter simply because it is feral. This has become a model for the nation, and adopted by communities across the country. Our low-cost clinic and state-of-the-art veterinary hospital—both located in low-income Jacksonville neighborhoods—are open to the public seven days a week, providing high quality care at affordable prices. We have a range of payment plans and charitable funds that allow us to provide services to folks with tight budgets (especially important in the last two years of COVID) and medical care to sick or injured strays when the finder agrees to adopt or rehome the stray. We operate a pet food bank, run entirely by volunteers with donated food, which serves as another method of keeping families and their pets together. To date, we have distributed more than two million pounds of

pet food to low-income pet owners. Our spay/neuter programs are overseen by Dr. Yvonne Kline, Chief Medical Officer. We offer surgeries six days a week and have the capacity to handle the additional surgeries this grant would cover. We track all surgeries and statistics and will be able to document our success. We have an active Development and Public Relations Department to advertise the program by way of media releases, newsletters, flyers, social media and PSA's as well as a Volunteer Manager who works with many of the volunteer trappers.

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?

Last year we performed 23,070 spay/neuter surgeries at a total cost of \$1,640,894. Of these, 10,013 were paid for, either by individuals or rescue groups. The City of Jacksonville allocates part of the pet license fees to pay for surgeries for pets owned by low-income residents, and for so long as the money lasts, for cats residing in Duval County. 7,751 animals were served under these City-funded programs. Grants, either to FCNMHP, or to shelters in others counties, covered an additional 6,815 surgeries. One of our donors started Rosie's Fund, a matching fund for feral cat surgeries. Last year Rosie's Fund brought in \$107,277.22, enough for 2,384 feral surgeries. The remaining 6,120 surgeries, were paid by our funds, the majority of which were for subsidized feral surgeries, or Feral Freedom (surgeries for cats brought to us by the Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services). The primary focus for our surgeries is feral or community cats. Last we sterilized 11,710 ferals, performing this critical surgery on as many 1,057 cats in one month. Our goal is to match (or exceed) this number this year. If we are to stabilize and control the feral cat population in Duval County, it is critical that we sterilize as many cats as possible. This year we will receive \$332,394 from the City of Jacksonville that will cover 6,924 cat surgeries. We expect this grant to last 8 1/2 months. Based on past experience, 75% of the cats brought in under this program will be feral, amounting to 5,193 feral surgeries. The additional 555 surgeries from Florida Animal Friend, when added to City funding will help reach a total of 5,748 feral surgeries. We will again heavily promote Rosie's Fund, and anticipate receiving a similar amount this year, covering 2,384 surgeries. We will also seek additional funding to attain our goal of equaling last year's 11,710 number. These funds are needed because the community impact is directly related to funding. We know that if we can offer free surgeries through the year, our surgery numbers will increase because our many volunteer trappers will be encouraged to trap more cats, thereby alleviating the extreme pressure on shelters when kitten season is in full swing.

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

All of our spay/neuter surgeries are considered low-cost, ranging from \$45-\$65 for cats and \$80-\$120 for dogs. Our no-cost programs are described above.

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

Cats: 17302 **Dogs:** 5768

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Duval County
Total human population in target area:	975,961
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	14.46%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	295746
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	243991
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	162661
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	4,387
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3,201
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	197
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	229
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
We do not believe the target population is significantly different.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
Clearly, the community/feral cat population is a substantial source of overpopulation as evidenced by the fact that shelter cat admissions soared at Jacksonville shelters during kitten season. For example, in January of 2021, 145 cats and 143 kittens were admitted; by May the number had risen to 195 cats and 933 kittens. The other source of admissions is large dogs.	
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?	
We operate one of the largest spay/neuter facilities in the country, having performed as many as 32,000 surgeries in one year. However, without the ability to provide free surgeries, especially for targeted populations such as feral cats, the cost is always a limitation on the number of surgeries we are asked to perform. Surgeries increase dramatically when we have funding to provide surgeries at no cost.	
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:	

Pets in low-income families
 Pit Bull / large breed dogs
 TNR managed colonies of feral cats
 Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned)
 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.

Duval county--762 square miles

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

Cats trapped in Duval County.

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

Primarily urban, consisting mainly of residential and commercial.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 162660

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 70000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 555

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

For the most part, the persons bringing in the cats for sterilization are either caring for the cats or acting on behalf of someone caring for the colony. When volunteers trap cats for others, they frequently talk to the person contacting them about caring for the animals.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

The Jacksonville City ordinances allow for Community Cat Management Initiatives, requiring that managed colonies be on the property of the caregiver or with permission of the property owner, that cats are sterilized, vaccinated and ear-tipped, and that the manager provide nutrition and medical care.

(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:

Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services, Jacksonville Humane Society and dozens of individual trappers.

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

When cats are negatively impacting endangered species, we recommend moving the source of food, or, as a last resort, removing the cats.

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

We have employees who are experienced in mediating disputes, and we work closely with our trapper volunteers.

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.

Objectives

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

Our immediate goal is to spay or neuter 555 feral cats and prevent the birth of thousands of future litters.

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

We know that if we can offer free surgeries throughout the year, our surgery numbers will increase. We will use this grant, plus the City funding plus additional grant and donor funding to meet our goal of exceeding the 11,710 surgeries we performed last year.

Methods

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

The trapper bringing in the cat must state that the cat was trapped in Duval County.

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

We will promote this on Facebook and across our other social media platforms where we have more than 35,000 followers. We will post information on our website and in email blasts as well as sending out press releases.

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

We have volunteers who can help with transportation and other barriers.

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.

Generally speaking, the clients transport their own trapped ferals unless they make arrangements with friends or volunteers. We make it very clear that the cats must remain in the traps at all times. We transport feral cats brought to us from the shelter back to their home territories after surgery. We have a van that we use for these purposes operated by a trained cat trapper.

Veterinary Services

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

We have full and part-time veterinary surgeons on staff who perform the surgeries.

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	\$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 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 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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$18.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>
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 Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Other Required Optional Not Available No Yes

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

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

It is up to the trappers bringing in the cats if they want to pay the fees for the optional services. Generally speaking, the optional services are not requested.

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
Cats Angels	This is a local cat rescue group that frequently brings in trapped ferals for surgery.
Jacksonville Animal care and Protective Services	The City shelter transport any cats trapped by its employees or brought to its facility to us for surgery.
Lucky Cats	A local cat rescue groups that frequently brings trapped ferals for surgery,
Mayport Cats	A local cat rescue groups that frequently brings trapped ferals for surgery,
Springfield Cat Rescue	A local cat rescue groups that frequently brings trapped ferals for surgery,

Other Information

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

Jacksonville is fortunate to have so many community members willing to care for colonies of community cats by feeding them and making sure they have been sterilized. However, for many, the cost of surgery for a colony is prohibitive, so if we are going to be successful in dealing with the feral cat population and reduce shelter admission, it is essential that we be able to offer as many free surgeries as possible for this population.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 555 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$45.00

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

This grant will cover the exam, surgery, rabies vaccination and pain medication. We will cover the cost of the ear-tipping. Any other costs, such as microchipping, etc., must be paid by the trapper or the person bringing in the cat.

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

We will receive \$332,394 from the City that will cover 6,952 surgeries which will be used up by July. We will also conduct our two Rosie's Fund campaigns and hope to bring in an amount comparable to our campaigns last year.

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

5%

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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: 08/15/22/ **Projected end date:** 12/30/22

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 will receive funds from the City of Jacksonville for surgeries for cats, which this year total \$332,394. We will continue to implement our Rosie's Fund campaigns and seek funding from other sources. We are fortunate to have a large group of donors who are passionate about the welfare of cats.

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 send a media release to our media database announcing the grant support and promoting the license plate. We include promotional links on our website and Facebook pages.

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

Unknown