

Grant ID: 2057

Title of Proposal: TNR for Cape Coral Fort Myers and San Carlos Park

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$17,500.00

Check Payable To: Haven on Earth Animal League

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Haven on Earth Animal League

Website Address: www.healrescue.com

Person Submitting Proposal: Janet Rushin

Position: tnr director

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: janet@rushinrealty.com

Agency Head: Marcie Fernandez

Agency Head Email: havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com

Organization Business Address: PO Box 61088

City: Fort Myers

State: Fort Myers, FL 33906-1088

Zip: 33913

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 239-410-9983

Fax:

Cell: 239-410-9983

Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 07/07/2008

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$162,212.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$127,792.84

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 98

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 1242.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? From Promotional materials from previous grant recipient

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

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

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1679	2016	Cat Snip	Denied
2057	2022	TNR for Cape Coral Fort Myers and San Carlos Park	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
Diane Filipkoski	Vice President	860-833-4472	Retired
Eileen Young	Secretary/Treasurer	763-213-4554	Retired
Marcie Fernandez	President	239-410-9983	Human Resources Director Renaissance CC

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1074 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

673 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

4 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

1008 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?

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.

We have 6 trappers with 134 years combined trapping/tnr experience who will lead the program, 2 per zip code. We have trained 8 other volunteers to successfully trap and are recruiting others to attend the attend the TNR workshops conducted by Fortunate Ferals and hosted by Gulfcoast Humane Society.

If you currently have a program for sterilization of cats and/or dogs, describe your current level of funding and productivity and why additional resources are needed?

We have primarily responded to calls from the community for help, by adopting the cats and kittens who are socialized and tnr for the others that are returned. Funds come from our Cheryls Ferals funds and donations to the HEAL general fund. There are more cats and kittens than is possible to adopt, the only way to make a difference in cat population is TNR

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 do not have a clinic of our own, we utilize the services of Gulf Coast Humane Society, PAWS and when possible, Lee County Animal Services

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

Cats: 1008 **Dogs:**

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	33967, 33901, 33907
Total human population in target area:	64437
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	21%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	19527
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	16110
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	10740
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 targeted areas are the lower income areas, low income housing communities, mobile home parks and other areas with fixed income populations who cannot afford the low cost spay neuter services, don't have the access to transport the cats to the clinics or the elderly or inform who may feed but are physically unable to conduct a tnr campaign. The above numbers are low, in our experience.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: People allowing unsterilized pets to free roam, abandoned animals and unsterilized community cats reproducing at a rapid rate. The lack of county sponsored easily accessible spay and neuter programs is an ongoing issue.	
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? LCAS free spay/neuter TNR program offers an extremely limited number of appointments for the free tnr, and the scheduling process is very rigid, which is difficult when dealing with free roaming cats. Additionally the county shelter has 1 location to serve a population base of 700000+ and is difficult to access for many, particularly for those without a car.	
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 checked="" 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.

33967 has 7.59 sq miles, 33901 has 6.4 sq miles, and 33907 has 7 sq miles.

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

These are the areas from which we receive the most requests for assistance. The requests come from concerned residents, from our volunteers, and from colony caretakers who need assistance with trapping, tnr and other vet services.

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

33901 and 33907 are urban areas, mostly residential but some commercial abutting the residential areas. 33907 is mostly suburban, residential area with high rental proportions and population churn.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 10740

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 1000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 500

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

Many of these areas have colony care takers or feeders in place to feed, maintain and help continue to TNR new colony arrivals. We will recruit feeders for currently non maintained colonies. HEAL will supply donated food when available and vet services as necessary. We currently have volunteers who oversee certain areas and maintain contacts and education with colony caretakers in that area, and we will continue that practice in these targeted areas.

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:

Lee County Animal Services, Gulf Coast Humane Society, Cape Coral Humane Society, PAWS, Daniels Parkway Vet, Colonial vet services, and other local vets and rescue groups support TNR programs. HEAL regularly adopts cats and kittens that are socialized, from feral and community colonies.

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

Arranging for regular, sufficient feeding of the colonies should reduce the need to hunt for food. None of the colonies are located in preserves, parks or protected wildlife areas.

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

we educate and talk with community members and caretakers to reduce any nuisance issues. Often adaptations in routines, feeding locations and times are effective in generating community support. Also the positive results the community sees after a TNR campaign often turn them into TNR advocates for other areas.

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.

We will work with residents and colony caretakers to identify the targeted cats and colonies, establish a feeding routine and coordinate trapping and appointment times, and also for recuperation of cats after surgery. Trapping and recuperation will be conducted by trained volunteers.

Objectives

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

We plan to TNR an additional 500 cats in the targeted areas, and find homes for the adoptable cats and kittens. This will reduce the overall feline population of the areas, future nuisance cat issues, and suffering of unwanted, uncared for free roaming cats and kittens.

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

This would increase our overall sterilization rate by 50% and triple the amount of TNR surgeries HEAL Did last year.

Methods

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

All free roaming, feral or community cats are eligible. Caretakers must be in place to provide food and ongoing TNR for additional cats that appear. HEAL will work with caretakers to provide any vet services as necessary.

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

The program will be featured in our newsletter, which is received by our current colony care takers, via email or print, on our website, our social media sites, and by materials at our adoption partner stores, and press releases to local media. Also, we will print flyers in English and Spanish for distribution in the target neighborhoods. Also on Nextdoor for the targeted areas.

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

We have volunteers to handle the transportation of the cats to and from the clinics. Illiteracy is not a large issue but we do have many multi cultural volunteers who are fluent in several languages to help bridge any cultural gaps.

Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe the vehicles, methods for confinement, personnel training, liability releases used to assure the safety of the animals and handlers.

We will not require other transportation assistance, other than colony caretakers and trained volunteers. Everyone is trained thoroughly regarding handling and transporting and will sign the normal waivers that we currently require.

Veterinary Services

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

Gulf Coast Humane Society will be the main TNR clinic utilized, with Lee County Animal Services utilized when possible.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Gulf coast Humane Society	2010 Arcadia St	Fort Myers	FL	33916	239-332-0364	<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	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<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?
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 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 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input 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 checked="" 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:

TNR surgery costs 35.00 per cat, male or female, including rabies and pain meds and ear tip at Gulf Coast Humane Society.

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
Gulf Coast Humane Society	Accept friendly/socialized cats and kittens into their adoption program.
PetcoLove	Adoption partners, with permanent adoption space at 1 local Petco store, participate in quarterly adoption events. Space to provide information about the Florida Animal Friend Grant TNR program
PetSmart Charities	Adoption partners, with permanent adoption space at 3 local PetSmart stores, participate in quarterly adoption events. Space to provide information about the Florida Animal Friend Grant TNR program

Other Information

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

Trained volunteer and colony caretakers will undertake planned, organized trappings in an ongoing and systematic manner to provide much needed spay and neuter in these targeted areas, as well finding homes for adoptable cats and kittens.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$17,500.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$35.00

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

HEAL will pay for any expenses not covered by the grant, such as vaccines, flea and worm treatments, antibiotics and vet services needed beyond sterilization.

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

These expenses will be covered by HEAL through our regular on going fundraising, donations to Cheryl's Ferals fund, and targeted fundraising events

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: 09/01/22/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/23

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 have created a fund for TNR, Cheryl's Ferals, in honor of Cheryl Libatore, a long time, passionate TNR advocate who recently passed away. We have done one online fund raising event for Cheryl's Ferals, with plans to do a live and online event this year to raise more funds. We are researching other grants for possible funding opportunities, and also applying through PetSmart and Petco charities, as we are adoption partners with 4 local stores. We also conduct on going fundraising through planned giving outreach, Facebook, and other avenues and starting a newsletter as a fundraising vehicle as well.

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 publicize the Animal Friend license plate through our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), our newsletter, press releases to local media, and on our website, healrescue.com and with flyers at events, fundraisers, and at our adoption partners 3 PetSmarts and 1 Petco locations. We will include a link to your website on all possible materials.

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

Unknown