

Grant ID: 2064

Title of Proposal: Orange County Animal Services Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Grant

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Orange County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Orange County Animal Services

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State: Florida

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/20 **End:** 09/30/21

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$297,728.24

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$8,135,398.85

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 88 Part Time: 5

Number of Active Volunteers: 170

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 364.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Word of mouth from other animal welfare organizations.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1906	2020	Orange County, FL Spay/Neuter Outreach	Funded
2064	2022	Orange County Animal Services Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Grant	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:

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

7793 cats and 5 dogs were admitted.

3909 cats and 3105 dogs were adopted.

983 cats and 689 dogs were euthanized.

6456 cats and 2228 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stray/Lost pet intake | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation | <input type="checkbox"/> High volume spay/neuter clinic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lost and Found Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior counseling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of ordinances | <input type="checkbox"/> Full service wellness clinic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?

7.5% are ineligible due to age or illness.

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

Our veterinarians conduct sterilization on all animals deemed fit for the procedure. A small amount, 7.5%, were not fit for spay/neuter at time of release, due to either age or medical status.

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

If we believe the pet will be a candidate for sterilization in the future we follow up every 30 days to ensure compliance. Failure to have the animal spayed or neutered may preclude them from future adoption from our shelter.

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 spay/neuter voucher program, which we are seeking funding for, is operated by our Fiscal Coordinator, Business System Analyst and Division Manager in partnership with three participating low-cost high-volume spay/neuter clinics in the Central Florida area.

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 launched our spay/neuter voucher program in November 2020, with the funding from Florida Animal Friend. Once those funds were exhausted we continued it with donated dollars. We are seeking funding once again in order to keep the program progressing.

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 spay/neuter voucher program provides free spay/neuter services for qualifying low-income Orange County pet owners. It has become one of our most sought after programs.

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

Cats: 220 Dogs: 170

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Orange County, Florida
Total human population in target area:	1393000
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	14.9%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	422122
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	348250
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	232167
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	8106
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	5898
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1004
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	695
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. We feel the estimate is accurate.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: The biggest contributors to the canine overpopulation issue are people breeding bully breeds, either intentionally or unintentionally. The biggest contributor to the feline overpopulation issue are community cats that are breeding in high volume and also pet owners who have not sterilized their pets and allow them to breed.	
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 is only one high-volume spay/neuter clinic in Orange County - which was built by Orange County Government and is operated by the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. The clinic has a wait of several months for an appointment for spay/neuter. Most veterinary clinics in our area are short staffed and some are unable to help new patients entirely. We do not feel the spay/neuter resources in our area are sufficient to combat the overpopulation issue.	
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)?

If granted these funds, Orange County Animal Services will specifically allocate them for the shelter's spay/neuter voucher program, which provides free sterilization services for the pets of qualifying low-income residents. For the purpose of this program, low-income individuals will be identified as those who meet 150% of or are below the federal poverty level, receive Medicaid benefits or have an ACCESS EBT Card. Only Orange County residents who are able to provide proof of poverty level via tax return, proof of Medicaid benefits or display their ACCESS EBT Card are eligible to receive a voucher. Animal Services has been offering this program since November 2020 and it has quickly become one of the division's most sought-after services. Program participants were surveyed and 95% stated they would not have been able to provide spay/neuter services for their pets without this assistance so we believe this is an integral part in combatting the pet overpopulation problem plaguing our community.

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

As stated previously, 95% of the people utilizing the spay/neuter voucher program would not have been able to obtain those services without this assistance. Securing these grant funds for the program enables low-income families to tap into this much needed service that otherwise would have been unattainable.

Methods

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

For the purpose of this program, low-income individuals will be identified as those who meet 150% of or are below the federal poverty level, receive Medicaid benefits or have an ACCESS EBT Card. Only Orange County residents who are able to provide proof of poverty level via tax return, proof of Medicaid benefits or display their ACCESS EBT Card are eligible to receive a voucher.

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

The program will be advertised through social media and the Animal Services website. If granted these funds, Animal Services will send a press release to local media acknowledging the funds from Florida Animal Friend as a way to continue to bring attention to the program.

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

For those who have difficulty reading or accessing the registration form, they can call the Orange County call center for assistance and a representative will help them through the process. They have translation services available for a number of languages. At this point we are not in a position to offer transportation services.

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.

No.

Veterinary Services

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

This program is offered in partnership with the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, Snip It and Spay N Save.

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	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes \$0.00
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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes \$0.00
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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes \$15.00
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes \$20.00
Feline Leuk/FIV	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes \$25.00
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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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:

N/A

Is this a voucher program? Yes

If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

Vouchers are provided to qualifying residents who request them on a first come, first served basis each month. Those who do not satisfy their voucher within the required timeframe will lose the service and have to reapply should they still be in need.

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

We have spoken with each of the partnered clinics to determine capacity and operate in line with their capabilities.

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the percentage that result in S/N surgeries?

Yes.

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
No records to display.	

Other Information

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

N/A

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 155 **Dogs:** 155

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$81.00

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

N/A

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

Animal Services will be fundraising in an effort to complement grant funding in order to continue the program long-term.

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

25

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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: 07/01/22/ **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.**

Orange County Animal Services has been successful in soliciting donations via its website through PayPal. The webpage advertising the spay/neuter voucher program mentions the need for donations to prolong the program and the shelter sees frequent donations as a result. More information found here: <http://www.ocnetpets.com/ProgramsServices/SpayNeuter.aspx>

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.**

The grant funds would be announced via press release to local media and posted on the county's website as well as the Animal Services website.

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

Unknown