

Grant ID: 2031

Title of Proposal: Growing SNIP
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Snip Collier

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: SNIP COLLIER
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 10/23/2015
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/21 **End:** 12/31/21
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$426,056.00
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$476,077.00
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 4 Part Time: 1
Number of Active Volunteers: 45
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 108.00
How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? on line
Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):
Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1956	2021	Spay/Neuter Grant Request	Denied
2031	2022	Growing SNIP	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
Dawn Silverman	Board member	239-560-4205	Marketing
Jessica Orlando	Board member	339-927-3160	CPA
Kristen Karnes	Secretary	847-508-3152	Self Employed
Tom Kepp	Director/Founder	239-825-5834	retired
Tom Wher	Treasurer	239-438-2006	accountant

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

950 cats and 971 dogs were admitted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

950 cats and 971 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?

NA/

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

SNIP does not have an adoption program.

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.

SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. In May of 2021 SNIP opened a low cost clinic and started the TNR program. Our TNR program has grown rapidly. We spay and neuter cats that we trap as well as cats from six other 501c3 that use our clinic to spay and neuter cats they have trapped. The founder of SNIP is Tom Kepp. He started SNIP with a vision to stop overpopulation. The community of Collier County has witnessed the humane and tender care of the cats that SNIP has helped. We have a clinic manager, Stacy, who oversees the clinic and animal care. We have 45 volunteers that work tirelessly placing our traps throughout Collier County. our volunteers also help in the clinic with laundry, pet snuggles whatever is needed. We have a dedicated Board of Directors and committed local donors. SNIP is a part of the community and receives multiple areas of support . Everyone involved with SNIP shares a devotion and commitment to SNIPS continued growth and the efforts made through the TNR program to reduce overpopulation.

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 TNR program is 100% payed for by SNIP. With the growth of our TNR program and the goal of 1,000 spay and neuterings this year we need additional funds to accomplish this. For each spay and neutering and rabies shot SNIP pays \$45.00.

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 TNR program is 100% funded by SNIP. We have 25 traps that our volunteers place throughout Collier County. the free roaming cats are brought to our clinic where they are examined, given a rabies shot , spayed and neutered and allowed to recover and monitored overnight in our clinic and then returned to their original colony.

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

Cats: 167 Dogs:

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Collier County
Total human population in target area:	384,902

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	11.2
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	116637
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	96226
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	64151
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2551
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)	107
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.	
n/a	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
Free roaming, feral/stray communities are the greatest source of overpopulation due to the continual breeding cycles. There is also a population of free roaming pet cats that were lost or abandoned, and have not been spayed or neutered that also contribute to overpopulation.	
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?	
Domestic Animal Control is a non profit that provides spay and neutering in the Naples area. Their location is not located near some of the rural areas of Collier County and is not close for many people to easily access. SNIP goes into the community and sets traps, where we have been informed there are cat colonies, then traps them and transport the cats to our clinic and then return the cats to their original colonies . Domestic Animal Control has also required SNIPS assistance in helping to spay and neuter trapped cats that have been brought to them. There are six additional 501c3's that bring their trapped cats to SNIP. SNIP spays and neuters the cats and after recovery returns them to our collaborating partners which then returns the cats to their original colony.	
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 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.

The boundaries of the targeted area is Collier County which is 2305 square miles.

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

We receive reports of feral communities from our community and local residents.

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

The area is rural and suburban.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 125000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 12500

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 1000

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

SNIP COLLIER has been a 501c3 since 2015. In May of 2021 we opened our low cost clinic and our TNR program was launched. In 6 short months we were able to carry out 167 spay/ neutering procedures. We collaborate with six additional 501c3's ,that rely on us for the spay and neutering of cats that they trap. Since 2015 SNIP has been very visible in Collier County. We partner with people in neighborhoods or businesses to tell us where colonies of feral cats are that need to be TNR'd. SNIP is is r

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:**

Domestic Animal Control-Animal Compass Project-Camp Mini Paws-Community of Cats Bonita Springs-For the Love of Cats-Fortunate Ferals - Volunteer Services for Animals

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

We will continue to sterilize the feral cat community which will reduce the number of litters. Less cats equal less negative impact on wildlife .

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

We make every effort to make these cats better neighbors by sterilization. We rely on the caretakers of the cat colonies to alert us if a nuisance issue occurs. When nuisance issues arise we work to find a reasonable solution to the problem.

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.**

Our goal is to stop the continual breeding cycle which will create healthier cat colonies. We do this through collaboration with our community, caring and humane treatment of our cats and education.

Objectives

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

The SNIP program seeks to partner with compassionate individuals in the community who feed unattached cats in their yards and businesses. These cats can be feral semi feral or displaced from their homes. SNIP developed a TNR program in May of 2021 to address this, after opening our low cost veterinary clinic. Our volunteers and staff work with the community to locate feral cat colonies. Our volunteer and staff work to develop a trapping plan, provide traps and transport the trapped cats to the SNIP clinic and back to their original colony when they have recovered from being spayed or neutered. The clinic examines the cats, performs spay/neuter, provides rabies vaccines and treatment for minor injuries, and ear tips the patients. Since May of 2021 we have also collaborated with six additional local 501c3's that bring their trapped feral cats to be spayed or neutered by SNIP. SNIP returns sterilized cats to the organizations for them to return the cats to their original colony. We are growing our program and will utilize funds from a FAF grant to help us sterilize more cats. Allowing the cats to live a healthier life and continue the mission to help the overpopulation of these cats.

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

We want to perform 1,000 spay/neuter in 2022, to be able to reach more cats that otherwise wouldn't be sterilized

Methods

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

Any feral or free roaming cat in Collier County is eligible for this program.

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

SNIP will use several methods to advertise FAF grant funding. We will advertise on our website and post on social media. SNIP has affiliations with local radio and TV stations where we will advertise. We will submit articles of how FAF funding has helped our program in local publications.

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

Community involvement is a large part of SNIP. This helps us overcome barriers that may arise. We have a few volunteers that are bilingual and able to help if there is a language barrier by explaining the TNR program . Our volunteers use their own cars and gas and must keep their vehicles well maintained. SNIP is a boots on the ground organization. We work with in different cultures on a daily basis. There is rarely a cultural barrier and if there is we work though it as a community.

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.

The safety and well being of our cats is our number one concern. Our trappers are caring individuals trained in safe trapping and handling. Their vehicles must be climate controlled and traps are to be inside of the vehicle not in a truck bed. Our cats recover overnight inside of our clinic which is also climate controlled. This is important because we are located in Southwest Florida. The trappers are trained how to safely release the cats back to their colonies when they have recovered.They are instructed on what to look for if a cat does not seem to be recovering well. They are instructed to notify us and not release the cat until we know that they don't have any issues that need to be addressed.

Veterinary Services

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

We have several veterinarians that alternate months when they will be our clinic to perform spay and neutering procedures. So we always have a veterinarian in house as well as four veterinary technicians.

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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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 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 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:

All cats are \$45 and include spay and neutering as well as a rabies vaccine. In addition SNIP provides an examine before spay/neutering, If any injuries are found SNIP will provide care for those injuries. After a cat is spayed or neutered SNIP will ear tip the cat, and monitor the cat overnight before they return to their original colonies.

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
Animal Compass Project	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats,give them a rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and return them to our partners. These partners return the cats to their original colonies. SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program when we opened our new low cost clinic in May of 2021. Since 2022 will be our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably.
Camp Mini Paws	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats, give them a rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and return them to our partners. These partners return the cats to their original colonies. SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program when we opened our new lo cost clinic in May of 2021. Since 2022 will be our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably .
Community Cats of Bonita Springs	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats, give them a rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and then return them to our partners. These partners then return the cats to their original colonies. SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program when we opened our low cost clinic in May of 2021. Since 2022 will be our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably .
For the Love of Cats	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats, give them a rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and return them to our partners. These partners return the cats to their original colonies. SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program when we opened our new low cost clinic in May of 2021.Since 2022 will be our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably .
Fortunate Ferals	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats, give them a rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and return them to our partners.SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program in May of 2021. Since 2022 will be our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably.
Volunteer Services for Animals	Our community partners trap their cats and bring them to SNIP. At our clinic we examine the cats, give them rabies vaccine, spay/neuter them, help them through recovery and pain management and return them to our partners. These partners return the cats to their original colonies. SNIP has been a 501c3 since 2015. We started our TNR program when we opened our new low cost clinic in 2021. Since 2022 is our first full year with our TNR program we anticipate this partnership growing considerably.

Other Information

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

We are working to decrease the sheer numbers of feral and stray cat colonies. With every spay/neuter procedure, we are reducing the number of unwanted cats being born. By working with and providing support to our TNR non profit partners, our shared goal of reducing the over population of stray and feral cats in our community will be accomplished.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 1000 **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.):

When a cat is at the clinic to be spayed or neutered they will also receive a rabies shot. Additional expenses not include with the FAF grant but offered by SNIP is ear tipping, an exam, any medical attention an injury may need and pain medication are paid for by SNIP. the funds needed for the additional treatments are paid for through private donations and other grants.

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

Our other sources of funding come from private donations, budget allocations, additional grants and fundraising efforts. Our fundraising efforts include having booths at local events and a 5K.

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

56%

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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: 08/16/22/ **Projected end date:** 08/15/23

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.**

The TNR program will be funded through donations and grants. In addition, the clinic does drive revenue by sterilizing owner's pets and a portion of these monies are used for the TNR program.

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.**

website Social media- Facebook and Instagram Local Radio Local TV Local newspaper and magazines At Events

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

Unknown