

Grant ID: 2135

**Title of Proposal:** Community Cat Project

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$24,375.00

**Check Payable To:** Clay County Humane Society, Inc.

## Application Information

### Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Clay county Humane Society, Inc.

**Website Address:** <https://www.clayhumane.org/>

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Claire Hall

**Position:** Assistant Director

**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** claire@clayhumane.org

**Agency Head:** Linda Welzant

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**Organization Business Address:** 2230 Filmore Street

**City:** Orange Park

**State:** FL

**Zip:** 32065

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**County:** Clay

**Cell:**

**Fax:**

### Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 05/02/1981

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/22 **End:** 12/31/22

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00

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

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 60

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 15.00

**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: 2006,2008,2011,2013,2015,2017,2019,2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2010

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
160	2010	2010 Spay Campaign	Denied (not completed)
267	2011	Feral Friday Campaign	Funded
369	2013	Operation Free Cat Sterilization	Funded
1489	2015	Free Feral	Funded
1587	2006		Funded
1588	2008		Funded
1710	2017	Focus on Ferals 2017	Funded
1871	2019	Project Pit Stop	Funded
1987	2021	Sterilization Campaign	Funded
2135	2023	Community Cat Project	Funded

**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

**\*Type of Organization (check all that apply):**

- Municipal Animal Shelter
- Private Animal Shelter
- Private Animal Shelter with Municipal Contract
- Public Spay/Neuter Services
- Other Public Veterinary Services
- Private Non-Profit Agency
  - TNR Group
  - Rescue Group
- Other

**List the current board of directors of your nonprofit organization (Not required of governmental agency):**

Name	Title
Bob Ehrenberg	Director
Christine Keyworth	Director
Doug Havens	President
Gerald Milan	Director
Judy Stebler	Director
Linda Lake	Vice President
Lisa Lemen	Treasurer

Mary Fortson

Secretary

**Applicant Qualifications****For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:****17 cats and 11 dogs were admitted.****17 cats and 11 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.****0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.****3702 cats and 1293 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**

**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 capacity to carry out this program.**

More than 30 years ago, Clay Humane transitioned from a no-kill shelter to a low-cost full service clinic. Since, we have sterilized greater than 125,000 animals, including more than 32,000 for free. We have five full time veterinarians who provide unrivaled skill in helping us to carry out our mission.

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

Clay Humane is the area's oldest and most recognized low-cost program. With more than 30 years of experience in providing affordable/ free spay/neuter services, we are prepared to continue - and to GROW - our program. In the last year, through a collaborative effort with our county's shelter, we performed 1,816 TNVR surgeries at no cost to the community. Additionally, we sterilized 1,886 owned cats and 1,293 dogs.

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

**Cats: 3702 Dogs: 1293**

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):</b>	Northeast Florida
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	1458555
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	11.1
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	441987
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	364639
<b>Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	243093
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	1628
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	1082

<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	143
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	74
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> n/	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> Our community is a largely rural area comprised of low-income families. Despite a county-wide collaborative effort with our county animal shelter last year, there are still populations in need of free spay/neuter options. Our program will focus on continuing these efforts and, ultimately, reaching these populations.	
<b>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?</b> Private veterinary clinics offer sterilization services, but the cost is, largely, out of the budgets of a substantial portion of our area population. Pre-qualification, distance to service site, and limited funding have created obstacles to a fully successful sterilization efforts.	
<b>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:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pets in low-income families</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Large mixed-breed dogs</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trap-Neuter-Return of free-roaming community cats</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	

## Objectives

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

Since transitioning to a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in 1991, we have remained steadfast in our goal of eliminating the senseless euthanasia of healthy animals in our shelters. Our specific goal with this funding would be to sterilized 1,500 community cats with the help of our county's animal services, colony caregivers and rescue groups.

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

Our current spay and neuter program is limited by the amount of funding our wellness clinic, private donations, foundation funding, and fundraising monies can support. Each year, without funding, we sterilize approximately 600 feral cats for free. Funding would allow us to increase the number of free surgeries to greater than 2000 in the coming year.

## Methods

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

Keeping with our current cat sterilization program, our only requirement for eligibility will be that they are trapped cats from identified feral colonies in our community.

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

Advertising for this program would be done via our website, our social media pages, through print media distributed at local events ,and via signage at our facility.

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

Through cooperative efforts with local shelters, rescue groups, volunteers, colony caregivers and advocates, and local business owners, we are able to better identify and assist those in need. Together, we are able to trap, transport, release, and control the uncontrolled growth of feral populations and, in turn, shelter intake numbers.

**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 program does not directly involve transportation of animals, but we have formed a reliable relationship with many colony caregivers/ volunteers who assist in trapping/ transportation issues as needed.

**Veterinary Services**

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

Clay Humane operates a low cost, full service veterinary clinic. We currently staff 5 full time veterinarians, 3 part time veterinarian, and a support team of 31. Our staff shares our passion for a more humane world and work tirelessly to achieve our goal of no-kill communities through spay and neuter initiatives.

Are they:  In-House Veterinarian  Outside Clinic  Combination

**Participating veterinary practices if surgeries will not be performed in-house:**

**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	\$13.50	\$13.50
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
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**  Required  Optional  Not Available       No  Yes

**Rabies Vaccination if Due**  Required  Optional  Not Available       No  Yes

**Other Vaccination if Due**  Required  Optional  Not Available       No  Yes

- Pain Medication**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes
- Parasite Medication**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes
- HW Testing**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes
- Feline Leuk/FIV**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes
- County License**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes
- Ear tipping**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  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 mandatory pain medication and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

**If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:**  
 The cost listed is the cost per cat for sterilization plus \$2 rabies vaccination cost.

**Is this a voucher program?** No

**If so, how will you assure utilization of 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 number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?**

### Community Collaboration

Florida Animal Friend values community/inter-agency collaboration. 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
5 C's Cat Care	Cat advocates within our community who trap, transport and coordinate spay/neuter efforts for feral cats and help identify areas with feral cat needs.

Name	Level of Involvement
Clay County Animal Services	Clay Humane and CCAS have a decades long history of working together to improve the lives of animals in our community. Due to limited medical resources, we provide CCAS with free/ reduced cost veterinary and emergency care for shelter animals, forensic studies for cruelty investigations, and support staff for disaster/ emergency responses. We also perform the spay/neuters required of CCAS per grant funding/ county budget allocations.

## Other Information

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

Since 2013, Clay Humane has designated a day each week (Feral Tuesday) dedicated only to spaying and neutering community feral cats. Each Tuesday, we accept the first 40 cats in traps for our TNVR program (this year, cooperatively with our county's program) and will continue this program for the foreseeable future. Funding helps ensure continued and concentrated efforts in our community

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 1500 **Dogs:** 0

**Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000):** \$24,375.00

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$17.00

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

We seek donations from vaccine manufacturers each year to help offset costs of our spay/ neuter programs, this year will be no different. Vaccines or testing outside of the requested funding will be done at the caregivers' expense.

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

Allocated funds generated via our wellness clinic, private donations, "spay it forward" contributions, and fundraising events throughout the year currently fund our sterilization program. Our clinic and its spay and neuter efforts are self-sustaining; funding helps increase our reach.

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

100%

## Timeline

**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:** 10/01/23/ **Projected end date:** 06/30/24

**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.**

This year, our clinic celebrates its 40th year in existence. Our organization and its programs have sustained and been successful due to the generous support of donors, volunteers, and staff. Our wellness clinic and after hours emergency clinic provide budget support for our free/ low cost spay and neuter programs and will continue to do so.

**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.**

**License plates are promoted continuously on our website and in print media distributed at county events and festivals. Signage at our facility identifies the connection between funding for the programs and license plate support.**

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

**6**