

Grant ID: 2130

Title of Proposal: TNVR Cats Galore

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Osceola County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Osceola County Animal Services

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State: FL

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/22 **End:** 09/30/23

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$179,000.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,250,000.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 40 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 160

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 50.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? I have known about FAF since its inception.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2021, 2019, 2017, 2015 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1448	2015	Big K-9 spay/neuter for low income families	Funded
1698	2017	Friendly and Feral Community Cat program	Funded
1866	2019	Feral Felines and Community Cats	Funded
2009	2021	Smitten with Kittens	Funded
2130	2023	TNVR Cats Galore	Funded

***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):

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

2440 cats and 2012 dogs were admitted.

1671 cats and 1264 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

701 cats and 765 dogs were euthanized.

1607 cats and 346 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.

The numbers above include owner requested euthanasia, 94 for cats, and 382 for dogs. Without offering low cost euthanasia, these animals would languish at home until they died. One of our primary goals is to prevent animal suffering and by offering this service we do that. We do not euthanize animals that are recoverable. In the past 10 years, we have created a volunteer, foster, return to home, lost/found pet, licensing, community cat, and managed intake programs. We help bring the low cost high volume spay/neuter clinic to fruition and continue to support the clinic. The personnel involved with oversight of this grant will include the Administrative Assistant who has been with the county over 25 years. The Director has over 40 years experience in animal welfare and recently graduated UF with a Masters in Science with a major in veterinary forensics.

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 operate such a program at our animal shelter but do support that program locally. The SNIP it clinic operates out of a county building and receives funding from the county's pet licensing program annually.

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

Cats: Dogs: 3820

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):	Osceola County
Total human population in target area:	403,282
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	13.3%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	122207
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	100821
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	67214
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2387
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2030
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	607
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	382

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.

I believe the above estimates are fairly accurate. Our community is growing rapidly and it is hard to make constant adjustments in numbers to account for that growth.

Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:

In general, our feline intake and euthanasia numbers have decreased. However, we still get his pretty hard during kitten season and exhaust our resources for live outcomes for these animals. We are also staying full with big-headed, blocky dogs and our adoption building stays filled with them. I believe there is a reluctance to get larger dogs spayed and neutered due to the higher cost.

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 have a high volume, low cost clinic, SNIIP-it, that has done close to 40,000 surgeries since its inception in 2016. Our community cat program has also contributed to the reduction in feline intake and euthanasia. All of the organizations in Osceola County have finite financial and human resources needed to manage and accommodate our perpetual growth.

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 Large mixed-breed dogs Trap-Neuter-Return of free-roaming community cats Other

Objectives

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

I hope to continue to drive the number of cats in our community as well as the number coming into our shelter and having to be euthanized. Fewer cats also means fewer small animals being hunted and killed by outdoor cats and less chance of disease transmission. We will also likely have a reduction in the number of calls we receive regarding cats.

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

These funds will help increase the number of animals we can TNVR from the community. Without these funds, we can only randomly engage in TNVR to the extent our budget will allow. Paying a full time staff veterinarian in addition to paying for offsite high volume s/n is a drain on our budget.

Methods

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

Cats must not be owned and must be identified as community cats. Cats must have a responsible feeder who monitors the health and status of the population.

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

We will use social media including facebook, instagram, and our website along with advertising in area newspapers.

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

We can assist with transporting cats for s/n through our community cat program where our staff actively engage in trapping efforts. We are working to get our literature in Spanish and English and recently acquired a translation service to help us when language barriers exist. Our staff is becoming more diverse which is helpful in addressing and understanding cultural 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.

Yes, Animal Services Community Cat Program staff will sometimes transport the cats in a large cargo van. Cages are kept covered during transport to minimize stress and are not stacked on each other. The van is temperature controlled to there is no chance for the animals to overheat. The animals are never left unattended and stops going to the clinic are minimal and only when necessary.

Veterinary Services

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

I have a letter of support from SNiP it supporting the grant and have already reached out to relief veterinary services about TNVR.

Are they: In-House Veterinarian Outside Clinic Combination

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

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Osceola County Animal Services	3910 old canoe creek rd, www.osceolacountypets.com	St. Cloud	FL	34769	407-742-8015	<input type="checkbox"/>
SNiP it Clinic of Central Florida	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	Florida	34744	407-476-4748	<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="\$61.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$61.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$61.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$61.00"/>
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 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 services not covered by the grant will be paid from the animal services donation account or monies budgeted for the community cat program.

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
Local Trappers	Our community cat program staff working daily with citizens in our community who engage in TNVR. They assist with trapping, transporting, and releasing these animals.
Positively Osceola	This is a local media group that showcases events, projects, and activities occurring in Osceola County that may be of interest to local residents. They have been an excellent venue for us to showcase certain animals for adoption, success stories, etc.
SNiP it of Central Florida	This organization is a local non-profit that operates a high volume spay/neuter clinic. They operate from a county owned building and we support the clinic via licensing funds.

Name	Level of Involvement
The St. Cloud Gazetts	This is a local newspaper that offers great deals and exposure for the animal shelter and helps promote programs that benefit the animals and community.

Other Information

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

Last fiscal year we were able to hire a second person to work on our community cat program. The addition of this person allows us to assist more people in areas of our county who are experiencing large numbers of cats. These funds will assist us in reaching areas of our community we have not been able to get to in past years.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 416 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$61.00

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

Any additional vaccinations, tests, deworming etc. will be paid for out of the animal services budget and/or the animal services donation account.

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

We use a portion of our pet licensing revenue to support the community cat program and TNVR efforts.

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

83%

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:** 08/30/24

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.**

We have recently contracted with Pet Data to help increase our return to home rate and licensing revenue. Our goal is to be able to generate more revenue we can use for program like TNVR. We will continue budget, solicit donations, and apply for grants to support these programs 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 certainly use social media but also want to have a banner made this year that will be displayed near our front parking lot so passersby will see that we are grant recipients and make them aware of the need to purchased this specialized tag. Facebook posts, and websites will used to promote the program. we will also invite local media to help us promote as well.

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

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