

Grant ID: 2147

Title of Proposal: Feral Fix 2023

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Gulf Shore Animal League

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Gulf Shore Animal League

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 01/03/2003

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$64,934.10

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$37,307.28

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 15

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 125.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?

Email notification, FAF website

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2010,2012,2015,2017,2019,2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2009,2014

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
95	2009	Myakka Area & Far East Manatee County TNR	Denied
190	2010	Samoset Community Cat Project	Funded
312	2012	Rental Housing Community SNIP Grant	Funded
1406	2014	Target Inclusion Grant	Denied
1499	2015	GSAL 34205	Funded
1740	2017	GSAL Spay-A-Stray 34207 & 34208	Funded
1843	2019	Stray Spay Manatee	Funded
2012	2021	Mission 500	Funded
2147	2023	Feral Fix 2023	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
Cheryl Wade	President
Lisa Comeau	Secretary
Martha Wright	Treasurer

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

162 cats and 2 dogs were admitted.

129 cats and 2 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

3 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.
546 cats and 2 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.

GSAL was established in 2003 and since that time has provided TNR services to our community. We are regularly called upon by Manatee County Animal Welfare, Humane Society of Manatee County and community government to assist residents with issues relating to free-roaming cats. One of our specialties is the planning and execution of mass trappings of large free-roaming colonies where an entire colony is trapped at one time for TNR. Since the creation of a collaborative partnership made between MCAW, HSMC and GSAL in 2017 to provide a county-wide TNR program, we have seen a maintained save rate of 95% for cats entering the county shelter. This proves that TNR is a life-saving program. GSAL has successfully completed FAF grants awarded to us in 2010,2012,2015,2017,2019 and 2021. Our president and treasurer have implemented and managed these funded programs with positive completion. Our volunteers provide TNR assistance, education, information and guidance to community residents. Our volunteers are committed and compassionate for the well-being of our community cats and spend countless hours of their own time to support our mission. Many volunteers provide foster care for adoptable cats and kittens coming from our trapping locations until ready for adoption.

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

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

Cats: Dogs:

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):	Manatee County
Total human population in target area:	412703
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	9.9
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	125062
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	103176
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	68784
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1950
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	135
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1706
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	94

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

County wide, these numbers are probably accurate. We give special attention to lower income mobile home parks, rental housing and transient neighborhoods as the concentration of unaltered animals in these area is high; and the available income to provide veterinary services in these areas is low.

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

The financial inability for residents to have their pets spayed/neutered, allowing them to roam free and breed. Abandonment of animals due to foreclosures, senior pet owners who have passed or moved to facilities; and a significant number of transient neighborhoods are contributing factors leading to cat and dog 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?

For pet owners who can afford to pay for services there is an adequate number of veterinary hospitals. However, for low-income owners and free-roaming cats, the Humane Society of Manatee County (HSMC) runs a high-volume reduced cost s/n clinic. GSAL provides resources to the community by assisting with trapping free roaming cats as well as transporting the cats to and from the HSMC clinic for surgery. GSAL provides this service free of charge as most residents we assist could not obtain these services otherwise.

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)?

To reduce the breeding population of free-roaming cats by 462 cats. This in turn immediately ends the breeding cycle of these outdoor cats and decreases the number of countless unwanted kittens that would otherwise flood our local shelters and rescues. Adoptable cats and kittens will also be immediately removed which further reduces colony size.

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

Our baseline is determined by funding. In 2022, 384 free-roaming cats were sterilized through our TNR program. Additional funding would allow us to increase the current baseline by 462.

Methods

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

Any free-roaming cats within our target area are eligible for the program as long as permission is obtained from the property owner and/or caretaker. Additionally, any free-roaming owned cat is eligible if the owner can demonstrate financial need.

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

Advertising for this program and FAF grant funding will done by the means of using social media, news media, website, signage, flyers and word of mouth. We will also communicate with other shelters and rescue groups to advertise the availability of this program for residents seeking assistance with TNR.

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

GSAL will provide transportation to and from the surgery clinic for cats going through our TNR program for anyone without means to transport. We have several volunteers who are fluent in Spanish and Russian who can handle any language barriers we may encounter. We also distribute flyers in Spanish that outline the TNR process. We have never encountered any illiteracy or cultural hurdles that we haven't been able to overcome. However, if any arise we will take every step needed to overcome these issues and provide assistance where needed.

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.

Our primary source of transportation is a fully equipped vehicle specifically designed to transport animals. Volunteers can also provide transportation using trucks and vans, if needed. When using alternative vehicles for transportation, cats will be transported inside climate-controlled cabins. Our volunteers are trained in the safe handling of stray/feral cats. Cats will be kept in humane traps with trap covers during transport, holding and return, to avoid injury to the cats and others. Release forms are signed by the property owner, pet owner and/or caretaker giving GSAL permission to provide veterinary care and hold GSAL harmless.

Veterinary Services

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

Humane Society of Manatee County will perform the surgeries at their high volume spay/neuter veterinary clinic. Companion Veterinary & Urgent Care Center is also available to provide spay/neuter surgeries, if needed.

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
Companion Veterinary & Urgent Care Center	3915 Cortez Road West	Bradenton	Florida	34210	941-896-9420	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humane Society of Manatee County Veterinary Clinic	2515 14th Street West	Bradenton	Florida	34205	941-747-8808	<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="\$54.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$54.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$54.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$54.00"/>
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input 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 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 type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input 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 mandatory pain medication and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

Humane Society of Manatee County (HMSC) will cover the cost difference for rabies vaccine not covered under the FAF grant. In addition, HSMC will provide an examination, FVRCP vaccine, Ivermectin and ear tipping at no cost to the project.

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
All Kitty Korner	Fully supports our TNR program. We collaborate together on colony locations to determine which organization to handle trapping based on zip code and colony size.
Bradenton Herald, Bay News 9 and other media outlets	Publicize our activities and events.
Honor Animal Rescue	Fully supports our TNR program and refers residents needing TNR assistance to GSAL. They are also available to place friendly cats and kittens we rescue from trapping locations into their adoption program, if needed,
Manatee County Animal Welfare	We have MCAW's full support as a collaborative partner in a county-wide TNR program. They assist by identifying areas where sizeable amounts of free-roaming cats are present. They also recommend our organization to residents needing assistance with TNR.
Pet Supermarket	We have a long-standing partnership to showcase our adoptable cats at two locations in Manatee County. They are very supportive of our adoption and TNR programs,

Other Information

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

Gulf Shore Animal League will concentrate on targeting locations where sizeable colonies of free-roaming cats have been identified. We will perform large massing trappings at these locations so the entire colony of free-roaming cats can be trapped for TNR all at once. Mass trapping creates quicker results over a short period of time and will be more effective than trapping a few cats at a time over several weeks or months. Mass trappings also makes the most efficient use of our volunteer time and resources.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 462 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$55.00

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

Humane Society of Manatee County will cover the cost difference for rabies vaccine not covered by FAF, as well as provide examination, FVRCP vaccine, Ivermectin and ear tipping at no cost to the project.

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

We rely on private donations, fundraising and grants. We will continue to seek out and apply for available grants.

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

70

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: 09/01/23/ **Projected end date:** 08/01/24

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.**

Future funding of our TNR program will be accomplished through the means of private donations, fundraising and grants.

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.**

Publicizing FAF grant support and promoting the sale of the FAF S/N license plate will be done through press release, website and social media outlets. Updates of our progress for previous FAF grant projects are posted on our social media outlets explaining how the sale of the license plate funds these projects.

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

3