

Grant ID: 2096

Title of Proposal: TNVR POP-UP CLINICS IN PASCO COUNTY

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Pasco County Board of County Commissioners (Animal Services Grant)

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Pasco County Animal Services

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Position: Shelter Supervisor

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State: Florida

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County: Pasco

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/21 **End:** 09/30/22

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,444,241.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$5,461,831.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 52 Part Time: 1

Number of Active Volunteers: 379

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 274.00

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

Previous grant applications. Animal Services Director sits on FAF Board.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2017, 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015, 2019

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1477	2015	Targeted Trap-Neuter-Return Program	Denied
1693	2017	Targeted Trap-Neuter-Release Program	Funded
1804	2018	Field Trap-Neuter-Release Program	Ineligible
1829	2019	Targeted Trap Neuter Vaccinate and Return Program Expansion	Denied
1900	2020	Targeted TNVR Effort for Holiday FI	Funded
2096	2023	TNVR POP-UP CLINICS IN PASCO COUNTY	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:

3847 cats and 2855 dogs were admitted.

3420 cats and 2384 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

285 cats and 96 dogs were euthanized.

1645 cats and 1454 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.

Pasco County Animal Service (PCAS) has had longstanding spay/neuter programs for the public that support both low-income qualified personal pet sterilizations and Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return programs. These are funded through license sales, co-pays, and grants. PCAS uses outside veterinary offices and clinics to perform the majority of the program surgeries. PCAS has also partnered with other organizations that provide sterilization services as well as trapping for TNVR programs and grants. PCAS has also performed surgeries for both programs with staff veterinarians and veterinary techs as well.

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

Two primary programs: 1) Low-income qualified for personal pets (dogs & cats). A \$20 co-pay is required for dogs surgeries and \$10 co-pay for cats. PCAS then pays the local veterinary partnering clinic for the contracted cost of the surgery. 2) Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return (TNVR) program is for feral and community cats. Citizens trap the cats and take them to a participating veterinary clinic for sterilization. There is a \$5 co-pay for this program. PCAS pays the participating veterinary clinic the contracted amount for each cat. PCAS has also been holding pop-up clinic once a month to bring in contracted veterinarians and teams to sterilize up to 100 feral or community cats for each event.

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

Cats: 3224 **Dogs:** 194

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):	Pasco County communities of New Port Richey, Port Richey, Holiday, Elfers and Hudson
Total human population in target area:	194689
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	13%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	58997
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	48673
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	32449
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3847
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2855
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	159
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	96

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

The cat population may be larger as cats have roamed free in Pasco County without a leash law for years.

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

Free roaming cats whether feral, community, or owned. Fewer veterinary clinics are performing cat sterilizations at affordable prices.

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 low-cost, non-profit clinic on the westside of Pasco County, yet it is one of the most heavily populated areas. Many of the vet clinics that used to participate in the S/N programs have ceased as new corporate owners are profit driven and seem to care less about community support.

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)?

The goal is to complete approximately 1,000 feral and community cat sterilizations in the west Pasco communities.

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

Pasco County Animal Services funds approximately 2,800 cat TNVR sterilizations per year through the Spay Neuter in Pasco program. The additional pop-up clinics offered through the grant will increase that number by 1,000 to assist the communities on the west side of Pasco County.

Methods

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

The grant funded pop-up clinics for TNVR surgeries will be focused on cases identified by Animal Control and citizen requests involving feral and community cats in various neighborhoods on the west side. TNVR trappers and TNVR rescue organizations will help identify and transport for these clinics.

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

The nature of these pop-up clinics will require little up front advertisement to solicit cats. However, the grant funding from FAF will be recongized at the Board of County Commissioner meetings, through our social media, at our shelter, through our website, and through press releaes.

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

These barrier have been removed during previous pop-up clinics. We have spanish speaking animal control officers and rescue partners that assist our hispanic population with information and trapping. Transport is being accomodated for the public to get the TNVR cats to the pop-up clinics.

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.

Transportation is being provided by Pasco County Volunteer drivers utilizing our MEOW mobile. TNVR trappers and TNVR rescue partners will also be used to for cat transport. All are trained, qualified, and have previous experience with transporting cats for the pop-up clinics.

Veterinary Services

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

The pop-up clinics are a partnership with PAWS Vet Care Center, Slomba Shelter Solutions, Inc., and Pasco County Animal Services. PAWS provides the facility and equipment, Slomba Shelter Solutions contracts with area veterinarians and vet techs, and PCAS provides oversight, transportation, and funding.

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
PAWS Vet Care Center	11720 US-19	Port Richey	FL	34668	727-939-7297	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Slomba Shelter Solutions, Inc.	15619 Premiere Dr., Suite 101	Tampa	FL	33624	716-474-0335	<input 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="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
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:

\$25 paid by the PCAS SNIP program. \$25-Paid by FAF Grant. \$5 Co-pay required for each cat from citizens or rescues. Co-pay offsets costs for the use of the PAWS clinic, incidentals, and equipment.

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
Cat Haven Rescue	Cat Haven Rescue is another rescue partner of Pasco County Animal Services. They have assisted and help oversee several of our Pop-Up TNVR clinic events over the past year. They trap, transport, and assist with administration for the clinics.
PAWS Vet Care Center	PAWS is providing their surgical facility on the weekends when the Pop-up TNVR clinics will be held.

Name	Level of Involvement
Slomba Solutions	Slomba Solutions contracts with local veterinarians and veterinary technicians to provide surgeons and tech support for the Pop-up TNVR clinic events.
The Runaways Animal Rescue	The Runaway Animal Rescue is one of Pasco County Animal Services rescue partners and also helps provides TNVR trapping and transport services for our Pop-up TNVR Clinics.
Tip My Ear Rescue	Tip My Ear Rescue is another Pasco County Animal Services rescue partner than specializes in TNVR community support for trapping, transportation, and sterilization. They assist with the Pop-up TNVR Clinics as this is a very affordable option to TNVR as many cats as possible.

Other Information

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

Pasco County Animal Services has previously partnered with Humane Society of Tampa Bay, Slomba Solutions, Cat Haven Rescue, The Runaways Animal Rescue, Rescue Pets of Florida, and Tip My Ear Rescue to conduct successful Pop-Up TNVR Clinics during the past year. These clinics became increasingly important to help manage cat overpopulation as many of our local vet clinics who assisted with TNVR were bought out by corporated veterinary clinics and no longer offered our programs for public TNVR.

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: \$25.00

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

Pasco County Animal Services will pay 1/2 of all TNVR surgeries which will include costs for FVRCP and any parasite meds needed for TNVR cats.

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

Pasco County Animal Services will use a portion of it Spay Neuter in Pasco (SNIP) funds to support the efforts of the grant funded Pop-up TNVR Clinic project.

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

50%

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: 05/01/23/ **Projected end date:** 04/30/24

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.**

Pasco County Animal Services has tested the Pop-Up TNVR Clinic concept for approximately 6-months to date. Our partnership with Slomba Solutions, Clinics, & partner organizations for TNVR sterilization support continues to be strong. The Pop-Up TNVR Clinics have become more dependable with greater results for TNVR than the local vet clinics are willing to provide. This model may become a more sustainable option than our current SNIP program offering for TNVR.

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 keep the Florida Animal Friends on our webpage as a partner organization. We will add a page recognizing the grant once it is received to also display the purpose and goal of the grant in the local community. We will also announce the grant through press releases to media resources in the Tampa Bay area. These media sources cover a number of counties in the Tampa Bay area. We also promote the grant on social media as we promote the TNVR services funded by the grant. In all promotions we emphasis the FAF grant, how you can support it through license plate sales and the great work it does each year for pet sterilizations in Florida.

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

1 Employee 2 Volunteers