

Grant ID: 2140

**Title of Proposal:** Spay Neuter  
**Agency Type:** Municipal  
**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Check Payable To:** Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

## Application Information

### Demographics

<b>Name of Applicant Agency:</b> Pinellas County Animal Services	<b>Website Address:</b> <a href="https://pinellas.gov/department/animal-services/">https://pinellas.gov/department/animal-services/</a>
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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:** \$5,679,770.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$5,679,770.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 58 Part Time: 1

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 350

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 800.00

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

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2017 & 2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2016 & 2020

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
84	2009	Animobile at Work	Funded
1385	2014	Spay/Neuter Pinellas County	Funded
1665	2016	Spay/Neuter Pinellas County	Denied
1730	2017	Pinellas County Spay/Neuter	Funded
1921	2020	Pinellas County Spay Neuter Project	Denied
1995	2021	Spay Neuter Pinellas	Funded
2140	2023	Spay Neuter	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:**

**3238 cats and 2757 dogs were admitted.**

**2684 cats and 2487 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

**238 cats and 262 dogs were euthanized.**

**1716 cats and 580 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.**

We currently have a Voucher Program that provides no cost spay neuter and vaccines for low income residents and Vaccine assistance for low income residents with sterilized pets. We also provide these services to citizens who receive Public Assistance(Food Stamps, Medicaid, WIC, Housing). We also provide no cost Surgery and Vaccines to Veterans and last but not least we provide funding to 2 TNR agencies who provide surgery for Community Cats.

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

Voucher Program that provides no cost spay neuter and vaccines for low income residents and Vaccine assistance for low income residents with sterilized pets. We also provide these services to citizens who receive Public Assistance(Food Stamps, Medicaid, WIC, Housing).

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

**Cats:** 2401 **Dogs:** 176

### Target Population

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):</b>	Pinellas County
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	957,989
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	12.3
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	290300
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	239498
<b>Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	159665
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	3415
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	3150
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	238
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	262

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

The target area is likely to be similar to that described above.

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

Lack of resources for spay/neuter services is the most common source of dog and cat overpopulation in our communities. Many residents in our highly populated areas do not have access to transportation outside of public transit which does not accommodate the animals in need of this service and there are limited veterinarian clinics that offer low cost surgeries. Furthermore, a majority of residents in the County who have large dogs cannot afford large dog surgery. Besides the lack of resources for spay/neuter, many residents in the target area do not have proper shelter facilities or enclosed properties for indoor/outdoor pets leading to unplanned copulation by neighborhood dogs and cats. It is important to note that some residents in the target area may hold ideological beliefs against spay/neuter (i.e. pet owners sometimes are against neutering their dogs because of some obscure attachment that they believe their dogs' have with their gonads). However, the scope of this grant does not take into account educational outreach for the minority of pet owners who follow this philosophy.

**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?**

Pinellas County has one TNVR Non Profit organization assisting caregivers throughout the county with a limited budget. They do not charge caregivers for TNVR Surgery services. There are three non-profit veterinary clinics that provide affordable sterilization for low income citizens with pets but there is no assistance for those who cannot pay.

**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)?**

Pinellas County Animal Services, in conjunction with our agency partners, the Humane Society of Pinellas, SPCA Tampa Bay, Friends of Strays and Pet Pal Animal Shelter, as well as community veterinarians and Spay Neuter groups hope to lower the number of unsterilized pets in Pinellas County through a community-wide systems approach. Our ultimate goal is to significantly reduce the number of unsterilized pets in the community thereby reducing shelter intake, pets euthanized, and the number of homeless pets, while simultaneously increasing adoptions and live release rates. We believe that by working together with our partners and community veterinarians to accomplish this objective, we will best serve the residents of Pinellas County and their pets. We will be able to quantify our success through continued data exchange tracking and reporting which can be found on our various agency websites.

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

Pinellas County's low cost spay/neuter services are somewhat limited in terms of the number of organizations offering low cost spay/neuter and their geographical locations. This program aims to increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline by targeting low income families and cat caregivers. Collaborating with our partners (the Humane Society of Pinellas, SPCA Tampa Bay, Pet Pal Animal Shelter, community veterinarians), and working with other Spay Neuter groups, we've determined that PCAS can best serve the entire county by collaborating this way. This will increase the number of sterilizations because residents who do not otherwise have transportation or cannot afford to have their pet sterilized will be able to use participate and receive services for pets in homes and community cats.

## Methods

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

Pinellas County residents will provide a current driver's license and proof of some form of government assistance or check stub that shows the need for assistance with spay-neuter.

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

We will send out a press release/email to solicit non-profits, shelters and local veterinarians who wish to participate in the program and currently assist clients with this need. We will also utilize our Social Media Pages and our website.

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

Transportation is the most challenging barrier which we have addressed by partnering with local clinics to offer discounted / free services to the residents in their communities. There is a small population of Spanish-speaking residents in our target area so we plan to make our direct mail literature and flyers in both English and Spanish.

**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.**

No, this project does not involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client.

**Veterinary Services**

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

We contact each clinic to verify if they can participate based on our set prices for spay neuter and vaccines

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
Clearwater Animal Clinic	1639 Missouri Avenue S	Clearwater	Florida	33756	727-584-1151	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Animal Clinic	1019 Highland Avenue	Largo	Florida	33770	727-518-7387	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harborside Animal Hospital	1590 N McMullen Booth Road	Clearwater	Florida	33759	727-726-1616	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation Snip	13489 Walsingham Road	Largo	Florida	33774	727-595-1983	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet Pal Veterinary Clinic	1900 34th Street S.	St. Petersburg,	Florida	33711	727-328-7729	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pinellas County Animal Services	12450 Ulmerton Road	Largo	Florida	33774	727-582-2600	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Serenity Veterinary Hospital	6075 Park Blvd. Suite B	Pinellas Park	Florida	33781	727-318-3679	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPCA Tampa Bay Veterinary Clinic	3250 5th Ave N	St. Petersburg,	Florida	33713	727-220-1770	<input type="checkbox"/>
TLC Animal and Bird Hospital	270 US ALT 19 North	Palm Harbor	Fl	34683	727-787-3110	<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
<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$120.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$120.00"/>

**Range for Female Dogs**

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:**

Fee range is increased at the higher end to be inclusive of Large Dogs, Pregnant Dogs, cryptorchid dogs, in heat animals.

**Is this a voucher program? Yes****If so, how will you assure utilization of the program?**

Voucher are issued/audited at the shelter during business hours which is accessible to all residents 6 days a week.

**For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?**

We contracted each clinic to verify their participation and the number of surgeries

**Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?**

Yes, statistics are done at the shelter

## 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
Friends of Strays	Community Cat Spay
Operation Snip	Spay Neuter at Clinic /Community Cat

## Other Information

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

The goal of this project is to capitalize on the integrated animal welfare system established in Pinellas County. By empowering our partners and community veterinarians participating in this project through cooperative action, we believe we will be able to foster stronger ties

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 150 **Dogs:** 100

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$100.00

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

Required County License for Pet Animals (Not required for Community Cats)

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

Funds from Pinellas County Animal Welfare Trust Fund (AWTF) to cover cost excluded from grant.

**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:** 09/01/23/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/24

**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.**

Submitting a Budget Decision Package for \$50,000 to fund Voucher 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.**

**If awarded, PCAS would publicize this grant in a press release to local media, on our website, on our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.), in our staff volunteer, and rescue news letters, and any other outlets deemed suitable by our communications department.**

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

**Unknown**