

Grant ID: 2250

Title of Proposal: CARE Feline TNR 2024

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: CARE Feline TNR, Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: CARE Feline TNR, Inc

Website Address: www.CAREFelineTNR.org

Person Submitting Proposal: Bill Gaskin

Position: President

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: BillG@CAREFelineTNR.org

Agency Head: Bill Gaskin

Agency Head Email: BillG@CAREFelineTNR.org

Organization Business Address: PO Box 4552

City: Winter Park

State: Florida

Zip: 32793

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 814-596-3400

County: Orange

Cell: 814-596-3400

Fax:

Agency Details

EIN: 59-3419640

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 11/25/1996

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/23 **End:** 12/31/23

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$33,039.04

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$40,340.39

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 25

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 250.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? CARE has been a prior recipient of the grant. We learned about it many years ago via word of mouth.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
350	2013	CARE 2013	Funded
1457	2015	CARE 2015	Funded
1591	2008		Funded
1707	2017	CARE Feline TNR 2017	Funded
1837	2019	CARE Feline TNR, Inc 2019 FAF Grant	Funded
1958	2021	CARE Feline TNR, Inc 2021 FAF Grant	Funded
2250	2024	CARE Feline TNR 2024	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):

Name	Title
Bill Gaskin	President
Brenda McGrath	Treasurer
Lisa Pollok	Board Member
Melissa LaNinfa	Vice President

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

0 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.
851 cats and 0 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.

CARE has been in continuous operation in Central Florida since its inception in 1996. In those 28 years we have successfully provided TNR for over 60,000 cats with the majority of surgeries occurring in the last 5 years. CARE is operated solely by unpaid volunteers. We are comprised of those who perform the day-to-day administrative functions that keep our organization running smoothly along with our trappers. In total we estimate 250 hours of their time are donated weekly towards TNR efforts in Central Florida. CARE officers, directors and volunteers have a vast range of experience in TNR ranging from 15+ years to a few months. They come from diverse backgrounds, each with special skills and abilities, yet all share a love of animals and a deep desire to reduce the population of feral cats through the humane and effective TNR process. New volunteers are provided training and are frequently teamed with or "shadow" the more experienced volunteers for an initial period until they feel comfortable with their assigned duties. More experienced volunteers are always available to provide advice and assistance. The board of directors meets monthly in an active management role.

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. Be as specific as possible.):	32801, 32804, 32805, 32808, 32811, 32818, 32835, 34734, 34760, 34761, 34787 - these are all zip codes which touch West Colonial Drive in Orange County.
Total human population in target area:	365611
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	16.9914
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	110792
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	91403
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	60936
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1738* prior years data
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1835* prior years data
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	345* prior years data
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	216* prior years data

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

We do not believe the population is different in this area.

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

We believe that people living in this area are well below the poverty level, which would hinder them from taking their community cats to be fixed for a fee. This grant will allow us to give an opportunity to those in this area to fix their community cats for free.

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?

Presently Orange County Animal Services offers 40 free community TNR appointments monthly. These appointments are filled on a first-come first-serve basis and are always booked months in advance. We believe with this grant we could offer more appointments specifically targeted for this area at our partner clinics.

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. EAR-TIPPING IS REQUIRED Other

Objectives

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

We plan to TNR 500 cats. This number assumes that all s/n surgeries are obtained at our partner vet clinic for a fee of \$50/cat.

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

CARE TNRd a total of approximately 5,000 cats between Jan 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2023. This number includes cats TNRd under our last FAF grant which ran from August 2021 to August 2022. The target of 500 surgeries will increase our sterilization program by a large percent.

Methods

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

Cats must be feral or otherwise un-owned and caretaker must agree to ear-tipping and continued management of the colony.

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

We will advertise the program via our official website and our Facebook page, as well as by word of mouth among our volunteers. We continue to have Florida Animal Friend footers on all of our email communications.

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

Our volunteers have a well established teamwork approach to TNR, helping each other with trapping, transportation, recovery and return as necessary. We have not encountered

literacy or cultural hurdles in the past and do not anticipate problems at this time. However, we do have bi-lingual volunteers that assist with the Hispanic community. Our volunteers do a great deal of one-on-one outreach to colony caretakers and we would expect this effort to be intensified in the target area.

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 project does not involve transportation of animals by anyone other than the colony caretaker clients. All persons borrowing CARE traps are required to sign liability waivers. We provide training and counseling in the use of traps, as well as pre-op / post-op care and release of cats.

Veterinary Services

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

We have partnered with Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando to perform TNR surgeries at \$50. The surgery also includes rabies, FVRCP, ear tip and pain management.

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
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	12050 East Colonial Drive	Orlando	Florida	32826	407-351-7722	<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="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<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

*** = REQUIRED by grant**

None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for mandatory pain medication, ear-tipping and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

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

All veterinary services are contracted as a TNR Package between CARE and Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. Our package includes rabies, FVRCP, pain medication, ear tip and ivermectin as needed.

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
Orange County Animal Services	Orange County Animal Services will TNR any cats that we determine do not qualify within the targeted TNR area.

Other Information

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

CARE has been the leader in TNR in the Central Florida area for many years. Our volunteers are experienced and work together well as a team. Our program has been quite successful over the years with over 60,000 cats TNRd to date (early records are a bit spotty). Our ultimate goal is that no cat will ever be homeless or unwanted. Although we understand it is doubtful that this goal will be reached any time soon, we are happy with the trend toward increased acceptance and implementation of TNR, increased numbers of low cost S/N clinics opening in the community, the major policy change to support TNR by Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando (PAGO, formerly the SPCA), and the interest being shown in TNR by more young people in the community. However, despite all our efforts to reduce costs and explore new methods of fund raising, the money is never enough. We know that grant funding is critical to our success. In 2020 CARE had it's most successful year completing 3,716 surgeries!

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

All veterinary services are contracted as a one-price TNR package which includes an exam, s/n surgery, rabies and FVRCP vaccines, parasite medication and ear clip.

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

We are in the process of pursuing additional grant funding from other sources. In addition, CARE plans to continue our traditional fundraising methods in the coming year, including direct community-targeted fundraisers like yard sales and merchandising, as well as web-based fundraising.

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

100

Timeline

PROJECTS CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL GRANT FUNDS ARE RECEIVED, usually before September 1.

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: 09/01/24/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/25

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 are continually searching for additional grant funding from other sources. In addition, CARE plans to continue our traditional fundraising methods, including direct community-targeted fundraisers (like yard sales and merchandising) and web-based fundraising.

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.**

CARE currently promotes the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter license plate on our website. We will issue press releases announcing the grant program and urging residents to purchase FAF spay/neuter license plates. We will also post an announcement/description of the grant program on our website, post blogs and updates on our Facebook site, and use our CARE News (electronic news) to disseminate information about the FAF program and our grant in particular to our electronic mailing list of over 1,000 interested persons.

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