

Grant ID: 2186

Title of Proposal: Dog Sterilization

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Brevard Humane Society

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Brevard Humane Society

Website Address: www.brevardhumanesociety.org

Person Submitting Proposal: Bethany Hendren

Position: Executive Assistant

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: director.assist@brevardhumanesociety.org

Agency Head: Theresa Clifton

Agency Head Email: director@brevardhumanesociety.org

Organization Business Address: 1020 Cox Road

City: Cocoa

State: Florida

Zip: 32926-2331

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 321-636-3343

County: Brevard

Cell:

Fax:

Agency Details

EIN: 90873109

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 04/07/1981

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 07/01/22 **End:** 06/30/23

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,378,094.83

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,001,482.70

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 35 Part Time: 29

Number of Active Volunteers: 577

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 600.00

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

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2014,2016,2018,2020,2022 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2009/2010

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
117	2009	Public low cost spay/neuter services to reduce the number of unwanted pets in our community	Denied
165	2010	Targeted Spay/Neuter Grant	Denied
1410	2014	Central Brevard Cat Sterilization Program	Funded
1606	2006		Denied
1635	2016	Central Brevard Cat Sterilization Program	Funded
1755	2018	Central Brevard Cat Sterilization Project	Funded
1887	2020	Central Brevard Cat Sterilization Project	Funded
2071	2022	Central Brevard Dog Sterilization Project	Funded
2186	2024	Dog Sterilization	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
Brenda Mulberry	Director
Brian Hawkins	Vice President
Curt Smith	Director
Dianne George	Treasurer
Jodi Levesque	Director
Kathleen Davies	Director

Laura Kutryb	Director
Lindsay Wasdin	Director
Michelle Earltinez	Director
Pat Padrick	Director
Rich Carpenter	President
Susan Palmbach	Secretary
Theresa Clifton	Director
Tom Yardley	Director
Trisha Frazier	Director

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1151 cats and 623 dogs were admitted.

1129 cats and 621 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

6 cats and 10 dogs were euthanized.

1566 cats and 712 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.

BHS has the expertise and capacity to perform the number of surgeries we are proposing. BHS has been in operation in Brevard County since 1952. In 2009 a modern clinic (including a full operating room) was constructed to provide low cost routine medical care, with an emphasis on spay/neuter services for shelter pets and those in the community. Currently we perform spay/neuter services three days a week. (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), along with wellness Friday, and Saturday to ensure low cost vaccinations and other health care services for pets. In 2023 we performed 2979 spay/neuter surgeries. Owned animals 776, shelter animals 814, Daphne Foundation 1389. In spite of these numbers and the greatly reduced fees, the clinic is not fully utilized, and we would like to take advantage of the access capacity to participate in this spay/neuter project for the underserved, low income population in our community. Currently the clinic is closed Sundays and Mondays however we are prepared to open on these days to perform this grant's project's surgeries if needed. Our project will fund approximately 300 surgeries, with an average of 75 surgeries per week. BHS is accustomed to performing 20-25 surgeries per day, so the proposed schedule can accommodate our project under the current operating time frames. The surgeries will be performed by BHS's part time veterinarian, Dr. Zenaida Agrait-Rodriguez, license # 7180 (with 28 years experience), assisted by Lead Veterinary Technician Ashley Sylvia (with 9 years experience) and Veterinary Technician, Matthew Dobson (with 11 years experience). If additional veterinarian assistance becomes necessary, BHS has a second full time, qualified staff veterinarian Dr. Kimberly Maier. Overseeing this project will be Executive Director Theresa Clifton, who has extensive knowledge and experience, has served on multiple county and community boards concerned with animals, and has served BHS for 20 years (including on the board of directors; 2 years as president) BHS Shelter Manager, Gina Laurenzi (with over 22 years experience in the animal welfare field), will perform administrative aspects of this grant project, including providing the phone number for inquiries, qualifying participants, monitoring the project's progress, and preparing all grant-required reports paperwork.

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

BHS currently offers a program called the Daphne Foundation. This program is offered to Community/Stray/Feral cats brought in under TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) efforts by individuals and/or local rescue groups as well as limited-income individuals/families (as determined by established BHS policy). As we have a grant to help the local felines this gives us the opportunity to focus on dogs. In addition we also have a "Spay It Forward" program that is set up so clients can donate specifically for spay/neuter costs.

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

Cats: 1389 **Dogs:**

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	32926,32922,32923
Total human population in target area:	24980
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	48%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	7570
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	6245
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	4164
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3580.00
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2168.00
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	363.00
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	74

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

We believe the target population in the target area is significantly greater than the standard statistics indicate. These statistics show an estimated 6,245 dogs in the target area and 157,677 in Brevard County. A total of 638 dogs (10% of the standard estimated total) were admitted to BHS in 2023. It is unlikely that BHS is admitting 10% of the total dogs in one year. Further, the standard statistics indicate that all of Brevard County has 157,677.00 dogs. The total number of dogs admitted to Brevard County Animal Services in 2023 (2,168.00) constitutes that less than 2% of this county-wide standard estimate. The conclusion that BHS admitted 10% of all dogs in the target area and Brevard County Animal Services admitted less than 2% of all dogs in Brevard County, suggests that either there is a larger dog population in the target area than the standard estimate, or the admission rate of dogs from the target area is twice the County-wide rate. Either way there is a problem that needs to be fixed.

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

We believe that unaltered dogs (strays and pets from low income families who cannot afford the normal cost of sterilization surgery) are the most substantial source of dog overpopulation in the target area. The significance of unaltered dogs is illustrated by the fact that last year almost 20% of our intake was from stray animals, approximately 60% which were unaltered.

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?

Brevard County is 72 miles long. Most spay/neuter surgeries throughout the County are performed by private-practice veterinarians who charge full fees for their services. These resources are insufficient, because the poor economy prevent many residents from affording those fees. In Central Brevard, BHS is the only substantial provider of low cost. This projects target area includes the City of Cocoa (Central Brevard) which has Brevard County's largest population of poverty level residents. The spay/neuter services in this area are insufficient because many of these low-income (or no income residents) cannot afford even BHS's greatly reduced fees (77.50 for male dogs and 87.50 for female dogs). The underutilization of BHS's clinic attests to the impact today's economy and job market are having on people's ability to afford to sterilize their companion animals.

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 All mixed breed dogs**

Objectives

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

The requested grant funds will sterilize approximately 300 dogs belonging to low-income residents of Central Brevard County. The charge for each surgery will be \$77.50 for male dogs and \$87.50 for female dogs.

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

This program will increase the current utilization of BHS's clinic (the existing baseline) by approximately 300 sterilization surgeries for dogs (for low-income residents) that would not otherwise be performed. This program will generate publicity increasing awareness for the need of low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, thereby increasing donations to our facility to keep a strong spay/neuter program going after the grant funds that have been expended.

Methods

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

eligible applicants will be required to provide proof that they receive some type of public assistance (e.g.; subsidized housing, food stamps, SSI, Medicaid, etc.) or have an income at or below poverty level published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (at www.cms.gov) In addition, others will also be considered who can demonstrate that they have lost their jobs and have been unable to find employment.

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

To reach the target audience, BHS will advertise in areas frequented by low-income residents. This means that we will put up posters and fliers at BHS's shelter, clinic, Merritt Island adoption center, and 4 thrift stores. BHS will also promote the program at our various events; run repeated public service announcements on local TV and radio stations, including FM 99.3 where the Executive Director will promote the program during her bi-weekly interviews; issue press releases to local publications (e.g.; Florida Today, Hometown news) create a brochure about this program which will be distributed to all animal shelters in the county and at the numerous pet events which are conducted throughout the county by shelters, rescue organizations, and other animal groups; promote the program in BHS's weekly email newsletter, and on the website and social media pages; and promote the program on any other appropriate location or event which may arise.

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

We do not anticipate that transportation will be an issue, since BHS is easily accessible from all major roadways in the area. We also anticipate no literacy or cultural hurdles, since BHS has staff members and several volunteers who can communicate in Spanish and assist with paperwork if 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.

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?

In house veterinary practice.

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
Brevard Humane Society Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic	1020 Cox Road	Cocoa	Florida	32926	321-636-3343	<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="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$79.50"/>	<input type="text" value="\$107.50"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$28.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$89.50"/>	<input type="text" value="\$117.50"/>

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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$18.00"/>
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$16.30"/>
Pain Medication*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$3.78"/>
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>

- 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:

To help ensure highest-quality healthcare to the patients, BHS requires a physical examination prior to the surgery and current rabies vaccination on file.

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
Brevard County Animal Services	Brevard County Animal Services will post flyers at their shelter locations and on their website.

Other Information

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

This project will be heavily promoted from its inception to ensure that all the proposed surgeries are accomplished before the end of the grant period. After 6 months, if the

number of completed scheduled surgeries is not on track to fully accomplish the project, we will expand the target area to include additional low-income locations. We recognize that we are proposing a large project, but we are confident that BHS can successfully complete it. BHS would like this project to continue its efforts towards fixing our counties overpopulation problem; but we need financial help to do so. We are prepared and eager to conduct this project and demonstrate that we can maximize the effectiveness of the FAF's grant funds as we have prior years.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 0 **Dogs:** 297

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$85.00

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

Not included in this grant will be public service announcements and newspaper/radio media; and rabies vaccine that will be required and paid for by the client.

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

BHS has a "Spay It Forward" program that clients have the option to donate to help those who cannot afford spay/neuter costs.

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

95

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:** 08/31/25

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.**

BHS will continue to offer low-cost spay/neuter services to the community. In addition, BHS will continue soliciting donations from the general public through our spay it forward program and seek other grants to offer free spay/neutering. In addition we will continue to spay/neuter felines in our target area with the Daphne Foundations funding.

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.**

All promotional materials and advertising for this grant project (delineated in a previous question) will identify both the FAF grant and the FAF Spay/Neuter License Plate. This will include all written materials, oral presentations, media mentions (including newspaper, radio, and television) and the BHS website and social media pages, the 4 Molly Mutt thrift stores and any other local animal organizations willing to promote spay/neuter in this manner. The BHS website will also provide a link to the FAF website. Numerous BHS staff members and volunteers already proudly display this license plate on their cars.

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

Unknown