

Grant ID: 2265

Title of Proposal: Fix Them Meows

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Flagler Cats Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Flagler Cats Inc.

Person Submitting Proposal: Mari Molina

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Agency Head: Mari Molina

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Address:**

Position: Executive Director

**Agency Head
Email:** flaglercats@gmail.com

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Zip: 32110

County: Flagler

Fax:

Agency Details

EIN: 542131972

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 11/23/2004

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$0.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$0.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 0 Part Time: 3

Number of Active Volunteers: 4

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 88.50

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

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

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

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1795	2018	Spay & Neuter	Denied
1918	2020	Meow Fix	Denied
2004	2021	Flagler Spay & Neuter	Funded
2265	2024	Fix Them Meows	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
Becky Leavitt	Vice President/Secretary
Mari Molina	President
Sara Crewe	Treasurer

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1881 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.

1881 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.

Flagler Cats is a High Quality, High Volume Spay/Neuter clinic. Both domestic cats and ferals are serviced. All cats are serviced in house. Our veterinarians Dr. Russell, Dr. James, and Dr. Low and now we have started a shot clinic.

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

Flagler Cats has provide low cost for over a decade. We serve one of the poorest areas in Flagler County, also proving service to Putnam County which is the state poorest county in the state.

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.):	Flagler County
Total human population in target area:	132,506
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	9.1
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	40154
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	33127
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	22085
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A

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

We believe the data to be correct. Although we are adjacent to one of the state's poorest county Putnam County. As a result, we believe our focused geographic area has a much higher percentage of residents living in poverty.

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

We see firsthand these cat owners as they seek services in our low-cost clinic. We believe that providing free spay neuter services is vital in the efforts to reduce the number of surrendered and over producing of cats.

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 other facility in Flagler County that advertises they are low cost. This agency is not true to their prices and people will pay more than low cost. Spay neuter prices in Flagler County have gone rocket high and people are just looking for a better cost-effective way to get their pet fixed. We can deliver higher spay/neuter numbers to our targeted population but to provide these services free, funding is required.

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)?

Our goals with the FAF grant funds are: Targeting large colonies that are in high need of controlling. Offering free service to the colony's trapper, so that they do not have to worry about payment and concentrate on trapping, having them bring in as many cats as possible. With the full grant we can accomplish over 600 cats, which would be a very good accomplishment.

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

Our veterinarians Dr. Russell, Dr. James and Dr. Low performs 25-30 surgeries on any given day with a long day consisting up 40-50. We have extra volunteers that come in to help on high volume days. With the extra fund it will positively impact our community.

Methods

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

Proof of residency and identification will be required. We will target underserved populations in Flagler County (Bunnell, Daytona North, Favoretta, Dupont, Andalusia, Espanola, Shell Bluff, Korona)

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

Facebook and Facebook Groups have been the best form to supply information to the areas that we want to target. Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Pinterest

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

Transportation will be provided by Trappers the Caretaker. Our Director speaks fluent 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

Veterinary Services

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

We have Dr. Russell, Dr. James and Dr. Low that have high volume spay and neuter experience they can do 25 - 30 cats on a normal day.

Are they: In-House Veterinarian Outside Clinic Combination

Participating veterinary practices if surgeries will not be performed in-house:

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="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
County License	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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:

The grant will cover surgery, rabies vaccine, pain medication and a ear tip. Anything else will have to be paid by the Client

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
See the list	Once they receive a flyer from us for a special they email it to all their contacts. Candance Park TNR Trapper & Caretaker, Southeast Volusia Humane Society, Wags and Whisker Pet Rescue Inc., ARK Animal Rescue Konsortium, Almost Home Haven for Animals, Ayla' Acres No Kill Animal Rescue, Friends of Welaka – the Town pays for the TNR services, to be able to keep the cats in the town under control, Kitten Nuggets, I Dream of Whiskers, For Paws & Tails, Cat 6 Purricane Rescue, Furry Nation Salvation, Cat Tail Corner, Just One Cat Rescue, South Putnam Animal Network, Saving Paws Rescue of Florida, Molly's Kitten, West Volusia Friends of Feline, CLP Animal Rescue,

Other Information

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

The year that we were award a grant from FFA, we had a higher total of spay and neuter cats. Residents have been asking if we are going to offer Christmas in July, where the services are at no cost to the residents.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 550 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$46.00

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

We do not charge for ear notching. If they would like extra services beside surgeries, rabies vaccine, pain medication and a ear notch they will have to pay the extra cost.

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

Fees for service, fundraiser all contribute to our ability to assist. We work very closely with vendor on special to help keep our cost down.

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

90%

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.**

Primarily through fundraising and local donations, In addition the board has dedicated personal funds to continue this service.

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 will do social media Facebook, Facebook Groups, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter Pinterest, Reddit, LinkedIn, YouTube

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

Unknown