

Grant ID: 2240

Title of Proposal: TNR FOR Fort Myers, N. Fort Myers, and San Carlos Park

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$21,000.00

Check Payable To: Haven On Earth Animal League

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Haven On Eath Animal League

Website Address: www.healrescue.com

Person Submitting Proposal: Janet Rushin

Position: TNR coordinator

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: janet@rushinrealty.com

Agency Head: Marcie Fernandez

Agency Head Email: havenonearthanimalleague@yahoo.com

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City: Fort Myers

State: Florida

Zip: 33906-1088

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 239-410-9983

County: Lee

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Agency Details

EIN: 26-3007751

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 07/07/2008

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$191,324.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$118,014.85

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 143

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 1359.00

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

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 1 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 1

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1679	2016	Cat Snip	Denied
2057	2022	TNR for Cape Coral Fort Myers and San Carlos Park	Funded
2240	2024	TNR FOR Fort Myers, N. Fort Myers, and San Carlos Park	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
Diane Filikowski	Vice President
Eileen Young	Secretary/Treasurer
Marcie Fernandez	President

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

982 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

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

20 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

948 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.

We currently have 23 experienced, trained trappers active with our program. We constantly recruit new trappers into the program and provide training via our workshops or those hosted by Fortunate Ferals. . We are currently mentoring FGCU students in a TNR program. We will appoint 2 experienced trappers per zip code to supervise their area tnr initiative.

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

We do not have our own clinic, we work with established clinics like Gulf Coast Humane Society Spay and Neuter Clinic, PAWS, and Colonial Animal Hospital. Our county domestic animal service no longer offers TNR surgery.

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

Cats: 948 **Dogs:**

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	33967,33901,33907,33917
Total human population in target area:	102481
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	12%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	31055
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	25621
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	17081
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 will target lower income areas, low income housing communities, mobile home parks, and other high transient rate areas, with fixed income populations who can't afford low cost spay/neuter services, don't have access to transport cats to clinics for tnr or those who may feed but are financially or physically unable to conduct a tnr campaign. Quoted numbers are low based on our experiences.

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

Unsterilized pets are left to roam freely, abandoned unsterilized animals and unsterilized community cats reproducing rapidly, with 3 kitten season a year.

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?

Our county no longer has a low cost or free spay and neuter clinic, which has been very detrimental to our efforts. The only availability for tnr is at Gulf coast Humane Society, PAWS, and a few veterinarians in the area who will do TNR. PAWS does a limited number of surgeries per week. Gulf Coast Humane Society has great capacity but is not centrally located to the entire county, and appointment access is limited. We have a population of over 700,000 in Lee County, 1 location is difficult to access for those not located nearby, and for those with no transportation.

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 an additional 600 cats in the targeted areas and to find homes for adoptable cats and kittens. We also scan for microchips to enable re-uniting lost pets with their owners, This will reduce the overall community cat population of the targeted areas, future nuisance issues and the health issues faced by community cats.

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

This would increase our number of TNR sterilization surgeries by 40%. We did 395 last year, with funds provided by other grants and contributions to Cheryls Fund, our TNR fund.

Methods

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

All free roaming, feral or community cats are eligible. Caretakers must be in place to provide food, and ongoing tnr for additional cats that appear. HEAL will work with caretakers to provide needed vet care.

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

The program will be featured in our newsletter, on our facebook page, website and social media posts. we will have information at our adoption centers and our veterinary partners clinics. We will print flyers in English and Spanish for distribution in target neighborhoods. Also Nextdoor for targeted neighborhoods.

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

We have volunteers for transport to and from clinics. Illiteracy is not a major problem but we do have many multi cultural volunteers who are fluent in several languages. We also have flyers and other materials in 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.

We will not require transportation assistance, other than the colony caretakers and trained volunteers. Everyone is trained regarding handling and transporting and will sign our standard waivers.

Veterinary Services

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

Gulf Coast Humane Society will be the primary clinic we use, with Colonial Animal Hospital and PAWS as secondary resources. We are always attempting to recruit other vet clinics into the TNR program.

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
Colonial ANimal Hospital	9321 6 Mile Cypress Pkway #150	Fort Myers	FL	33966	239-541-0726	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gulf Coast Humane Society	2010 Arcadia St	Fort Myers	FL	33916	239-332-0364	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PAWS	965 Pondella Rd	North Fort Myers	FL	33903	239-652-6722	<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="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$35.00"/>
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:

TNR procedure costs 35.00 per cat, male or female, including, rabies, pain medications and ear tip at both vet clinics.

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
Community Cats of Bonita	Assists with trapping for TNR in their area of service
Fortunate Ferals	Assists with training programs for trappers

Name	Level of Involvement
Gulf Coast Humane Society	Accept friendly/socialized cats and kittens into adoption program.
PetSmart Charities	We are adoption partners at 3 local stores, with permanent adoption space at the stores. We participate in quarterly adoption events and provide space to distribute information about the Florida Animal Friend Grant TNR program.

Other Information

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

Our website has a help request section, from which we receive many community requests for help with TNR. We also receive requests via our veterinary partners and at our adoption centers. Trained volunteers will plan and organize trapping in an ongoing and systematic manner to provide needed TNR in the targeted areas as well as finding homes for the adoptable cats and kittens. Many of the people who request help for their area are also recruited, trained and become partners with us in our TNR efforts.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 600 **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$21,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$35.00

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

HEAL will pay all expenses not covered by grant funding, ie vaccines, worming medications, antibiotics, and other vet care needed other than sterilization. The 35.00 does include the ear tip and pain medication.

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

HEAL will cover these expenses from funds raised by our on going fundraising, donations to Cheryl's Ferals fund, and other grant sources. We also anticipate amount for vet services in our current budgeting.

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

75%

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.**

HEAL consistently applies for grant funding for TNR and other services. We were awarded a grant from Petco Love Foundation last year to assist with veterinary services for adoptable and TNR cats. We do solicit funding for TNR from Go Fund Me drives on Facebook and donations to our Cheryl's Ferals Fund. We also have several fund raising events each year and our quarterly newsletter is a revenue generator as well.

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 promote the Florida Animal Friend license plate on our Facebook page, social media posts, our newsletter, website, and by having materials available at our adoption partners and our veterinary partners locations. (we work with several local vets that do not do TNR surgery, but are willing to promote the License plate program for us) We will include a link to your website on all possible materials

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

Unknown