

Grant ID: 2181

**Title of Proposal:** Save Lives: Spay & Neuter

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Check Payable To:** Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue

## Application Information

### Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue

**Website Address:** 10405 Southern Blvd.

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Janet P. Diamond

**Position:** Community Outreach Coordinator

**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** justinbartlettcommunitycoord@gmail.com

**Agency Head:** Peter Torres

**Agency Head Email:** peter.torres40@gmail.com

**Organization Business Address:** 10405 Southern Blvd.

**City:** Royal Palm Beach

**State:** FL

**Zip:** 33411

**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 561-795-9999

**County:** Palm Beach

**Cell:**

**Fax:**

### Agency Details

**EIN:** 454828513

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 04/23/2012

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

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$3,402,860.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$3,339,792.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 34 Part Time: 7

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 300

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 560.00

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

We have previously applied for a grant. We purchase Animal Friend plates that go toward grants

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2019 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2018

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1822	2019	"Paw"Pulation Control	Denied
1894	2020	Affordable Spay and Neuter	Funded
2181	2024	Save Lives: 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):**

Name	Title
Donald Wulff	Hospital Manager
Janet Diamond	Community Outreach Manager
Peter Torres	CEO

**Applicant Qualifications**

**For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:**

**35 cats and 339 dogs were admitted.**

**34 cats and 268 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

**0 cats and 3 dogs were euthanized.**

**478 cats and 1708 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.**

Since 2012, Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue and Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital (since 2015) have provided spay and neuter services for all the dogs and cats we rescue at our low cost hospitals; one in Royal Palm Beach and one in Greenacres. The CEO has been involved with rescue since 2002 as have the Board members. The Medical Director has over 18 years of experience and we have four full time veterinarians who can perform spay and neuters, as well as other surgeries. We have a surgery team of Lead Vet Techs and Vet Techs who have experience surgery as well as pre and post operation experience. The doctors and veterinarian technicians attend in house training of new or updated equipment and practices and receive hands on training. We have experience with spay and neuters in the field as well as vaccine clinics, all being performed in economically disadvantaged communities.

**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 have two low cost veterinary hospitals to handle a high volume of spay and neuters and help people in communities who cannot afford some of the costs to sterilize their pets. In 2023, 1,314 dogs and cats were sterilized at our hospitals. Funding is needed to offer a reduced rate to qualified clients so that their pets aren't surrendered to kill shelters due to unwanted pregnancies or litters. The pet owner would pay \$25 for dogs and \$20 for cat sterilizations with the balance being absorbed by Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue. We could increase the number of sterilizations at the hospital by 200 more animals through the grant. Currently, funds for less financially fortunate pet owners come from hosting events, seeking funding on social media, monthly events, private donors and our the Angel Fund.

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

**Cats:** 478 **Dogs:** 1708

Target Population

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):</b>	33415, 33463, 33461
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	154689
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	34
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	46876
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	38673
<b>Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	25782
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	3422
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	4532
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	543
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	543

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

We believe the targeted animal population is higher than above. There is a correlation between poverty and pet ownership. The poverty rate in the U.S is 12% and all three cities targeted are above the national average. Within these cities are mobile home parks, soup kitchens and Section 8 housing which increases the poverty rate in the areas we are targeting for spay and neuter. Many living in poverty have households headed by a single female with children who often have pets. Sterilization of a pet is a financial hardship for many families where the choice to feed and care for the children is greater than doing the same for dogs or cats. Many families in poverty allow their pet to have at least one litter, and when these litters can not be cared for, or the female dog or cat cannot bred again, the animals are often abandoned, surrendered, or picked up by Anima Care & Control

usually in poor health. To reduce the number of dogs and cats abandoned or entering shelters affordable spay and neuter is critical. There are few if any low cost veterinarian care to spay and neuter outside our two non profit low cost hospitals.

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

The most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulations in the targeted areas remains spay and neuter education, long wait times, sometimes months, when free or low cost sterilization is offered at the county shelter, dogs being bred for money with litters being sold, affordability of sterilization, easy access to a low cost hospital. We are seeing a significant increase in breeding of dogs especially and the pups that are not to standard being found on the streets

**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?**

In Palm Beach County, the primary low-cost spay/neuter provider is Animal Care and Control and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. We are very fortunate to have these resources; however for the targeted population they are not completely within affordable means or ways. For example, at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue sterilization appointments are only done on line which leaves out many people who do not have internet access, and the cost to spay a 45lb female dog is \$210 too high for many of our families. At Palm Beach Animal Care & Control often they are sterilizing At Risk over 45lb dogs or pit bulls. This leaves many breeds, sizes without a scheduled sterilization or program.

**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 goal is to increase the number of spay/neuter of cats by 100 and dogs by 150 in low income homes or where pet owners do not have access to veterinarian care. We will expand our reach into mobile home communities within Palm Beach County where many residents are unable to afford quality low cost pet care. The cost to qualified owners would be \$25.00 for dogs and \$20.00 for cats. The funds would allow us to educate pet owners about humane and preventative care during the spay/neuter program.

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

In 2023, Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue, Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital performed 1986 low cost spay and neuters at our two hospital locations. We estimate that an additional 250 sterilizations can be provided to low income pet owners through the grant increasing the spay/neuters by 13%.

## Methods

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

Eligibility criteria we will use as proof for the grant include government /social welfare programs. Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, housing assistance, and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Additionally, we will accept SNAPP or previous year W2.

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

We had a successful advertising program when we were awarded the Friends of Florida Animal Grant in 2020. We will expand upon that program. Our community outreach staff will visit schools in the areas and work with all school resources to advertise the spay/neuter program including staff, school clubs, parent groups and resource officers. We will distribute flyers in English, Spanish and Creole at grocery stores, laundromats, mobile park homes' offices, with other rescue groups and business partners and community based social service agencies. We will use social media: Facebook where we reach 40,000 followers monthly, and Instagram. We will work with the city management within the targeted zip codes and promote at our two hospitals where we had over to 14,000 clients last year and at monthly events within the targeted communities.

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

When we were awarded the Florida Animal Friend Grant in 2020, a bi-lingual team with multi lingual flyers went into the communities multiple times to post flyers, talk with resident and explain the program. We will continue this practice and expand to include soup kitchens where hundreds of people, many of whom are pets owners, are served daily. Our veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and rescue staff are bilingual with culturally diverse backgrounds and will participate in the program and addressing cultural hurdles.

**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.**

Eligible clients will bring their pets to one of the two Justin Bartlett Animal Hospitals, both are located within the targeted low income communities.

Veterinary Services

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

Our five in-house veterinarians, three of whom are bilingual will perform the spay and neuter surgeries at our two hospitals that are open seven days a week. The surgery staff assisting the veterinarians are bilingual also.

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
<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$100.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$75.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$100.00"/>

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?**

<b>Examination</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Rabies Vaccination if Due</b>	<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="\$15.00"/>
<b>Other Vaccination if Due</b>	<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"/>
<b>Pain Medication*</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Parasite Medication</b>	<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"/>
<b>HW Testing</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Feline Leuk/FIV</b>	<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"/>
<b>County License</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Ear tipping*</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Microchip</b>	<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="\$20.00"/>
<b>Other</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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 above fees are at a discounted fee to 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
Animal Care & Control	We have an excellent working relationship with numerous Animal Care & Control agencies including: Clewiston, Miami Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties. In addition to rescuing dogs and cats from each, they have brought medically injured dogs/cats to our hospital for treatment. We will provide Palm Beach Animal Care & Control with flyers about the Spay/neuter program and drop flyers off at their monthly events.
Dharma Bear Rescue	Dharma Bear Rescue owners have been supporters of Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue for 10 years. Dharma Bear Rescue collaborates with us to host fundraisers, raise awareness about humane treatment of animals and promote spay and neuter. Dharma Bear Rescue has adopted two dogs from us and fostered many dogs over the years. They are also business owners who will display RakCards and display information on spay/neuter within their business.
Great Dane Rescue	A non-profit animal rescue organization who has been bringing their rescues to our hospital for spay/neuter and care for years. They will promote the spay/neuter program with their clients.
Horses and Hounds Charitable Foundation	The founders of Horses and Hounds Charitable Foundations has been a sponsor of Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue for over five years. They will promote the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter license plate program on behalf of the rescue on social media. The Foundation has raised funds for the rescued animals, especially those required serious or extensive surgeries or medical care. They have hosted fundraisers for the rescue and been financial sponsors at some of our fundraisers.
Keller Williams Realty	They are an in kind sponsor who weekly visit the rescue and video a dog or cat of the week. They will promote the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter program within each weekly video and show the RAK Card while talking about a dog or cat in the video.
Pet Supplies Plus	For the two past years we have built a relationship with PSP and they will participate in the Florida Friend program by displaying the RakCards in their store. We are at PSP twice a month with adoptable puppies and once a month we hold a vaccine clinic there. This give us many opportunities to promote the spay/neuter program with their customers.
Rachel's Gate	Rachel Gates takes in senior dogs who have been surrendered and bring them to their rescue where they live in a home. Through this partnership, Rachel's Gate has adopted one of our most senior dogs who now lives in a loving home. They are supporters of ours and we collaborate at events. They will display the RAKCards and participate in supporting through social media the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter program.
Town Crier Newspaper	We have an excellent, ongoing relationship with the staff of the newspaper. They send a representative to interview our staff and volunteers about the organization , photograph events we host and promote our ongoing efforts.
Yuppy Puppy Pet Salon	Yuppy Puppy Pet Salon is a supporter of Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue and grants us five free grooming services each month for any of our newly rescued dogs who have not been bathed, groomed or care for

Name	Level of Involvement
	due to neglect or living on the street. They have hosted fundraisers on our behalf and supported events. They will be involved with the Florida Anima Friend spay/neuter program as another way to help animals.

## Other Information

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

We have a large volunteer staff, followers, business partners and sponsors who are actively involved in our ongoing efforts to improve the welfare of the dogs and cats we rescue. They will distribute flyers, spread the word to their contacts and post on their personal social media pages. At staff and monthly Board meetings we will update the progress of the program and the next step goals. We have an online system to track the number of spay and neuters completed, experienced bilingual hospital and rescue staff to fulfill the goals, and volunteers to work within the targeted communities at events to achieve success.

## Budget

### **Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

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

**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.):**

Expenses not covered by the grant will be paid by the client as a reduced rate.

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

We will continue to fund spay and neuter through the Angel Fund, Horses and Hounds Charitable Foundation, The Pegasus Foundation and corporate sponsorships. Monthly fundraisers, social media messages, school visits and community outreach will continue as funding sources.

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

42%

## 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:** 08/01/24/ **Projected end date:** 08/01/25

### **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.**

Spay and neuter is a crucial part of our rescue. All dogs and cats are sterilized prior to adoption. We will continue to write grants reach out to donors and private foundations throughout the year. Existing and new community collaborations will focus on spay/neuter and preventing animals from entering high kill shelters. The Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License plate will be promoted to educate others how money from the sale of the license plates is distributed to increase the number of sterilizations and save lives. We will continue to seek support from the Pegasus Foundation, Petco Love and Horses and Hounds Charitable Foundation.

## 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.**

Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue has over 30,000 followers on social media and we reach 40,000 people monthly where we will promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate. Last month, more than 15,000 clients visited our two hospitals where we are able to promote the program in each hospital room and within each lobby. We write a monthly newsletter which is emailed to over 6,000 subscribers and the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter can be part of each edition. At our Adoption Center, our numerous monthly adoption events and community outreach visits, we will promote the Spay/neuter license plate.

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

**10**