

Grant ID: 2261

Title of Proposal: TNR Bay County 2024

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Operation Spay Bay, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Operation Spay Bay, Inc

Website Address: spaybay.com

Person Submitting Proposal: Terry Cotter

Position: Treasurer

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Agency Head: Jessica Hendrix

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State: FL

Zip: 32404

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Agency Details

EIN: 45-2931723

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 08/09/2011

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,502,023.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,128,379.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 25 Part Time: 5

Number of Active Volunteers: 3

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 10.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Previously awarded grants

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2017, 2020, 2022 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015, 218

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1726	2017	Panama City Pet Cat Grant- Phase 2	Funded
1791	2018	FIX YOUR MOMMA 2018	Ineligible
1898	2020	Fix Big Momma	Funded
2081	2022	Community Cat Spayathon	Funded
2261	2024	TNR Bay County 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
Aislinn Blanco-Pickel	director
Beverly Sheen	Secretary
Charles Cromer	director
Erin James	director
Mary Marie Clemo	President
Stacey Cromer	director
Terry Cotter	Treasurer

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.

9038 cats and 3192 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.

OSB currently runs a robust community cat TNR program. The clinic has 10 years of experience relating to the needs of community cats. There are about 10 active TNR groups that use our clinic and many individuals. OSB even runs it's own TNR group funded by donations.

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

OSB is a low-cost, high volume spay and neuter clinic operating in the Panhandle of Florida. The service area reaches out a 100 mile radius.

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

Cats: 9038 **Dogs:** 3192

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	Bay County
Total human population in target area:	190,769
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	11.9%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	57809
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	47693
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	31795
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1,881
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1,681
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1,324
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	683
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
The estimated number of free-roaming cats is a good indication of the amount.	

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

Lack of affordable services coupled with rising living costs.

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?

Operation Spay Bay is a high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter/wellness clinic. We service a very large population. Lack of veterinarians is our biggest issue.

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)?

This grant will cover an additional 625 community cats. We will target large colonies to get them under control and stop the breeding. This will be done with the help of our TNR groups and our own in-house TNR program.

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

The addition of funds allows for more TNR. All of the TNR groups are strapped for funds due to donations being down and demand being huge.

Methods

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

The cat lives outside and while it is being fed by a caregiver, does not have an actual owner.

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

Social media and informing our TNR groups. We will also work with our county Animal Services Department to inform us about requests for help.

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

OSB owns 2 transport vans. We have found that most people are desperate and grateful for the help. The word free goes a long way.

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.

TNR groups transport their own community cats and are well versed in the handling and care of community cats. OSB has 2 transport vans that can be used in a large trapping project that we will gladly coordinate with the groups.

Veterinary Services

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

OSB is a high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic that runs an already robust community cat program.

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="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>
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="\$17.00"/>
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="\$10.00"/>
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="\$17.00"/>
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 \$15.00

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:

Rabies vaccination is included in the \$40 price and cats from Bay County TNR receive a sponsored FVRCPC vaccine.

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
9 Lives Kitty Rescue	Bring up to 20 community cats per week.
Kibbles and Kovers	Bring up to 20 community cats per week
Mew Tews	Bring up to 10 community cats per week.
Paws & Claws	Bring about 10 community cats per week

Other Information

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

OSB constantly receives calls asking for help with community cats. We have also started working with our Animal Services Department doing some return to field instead of euthanasia of community/stray cats.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 625 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$40.00

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

microchipping - paid by client Feline Leuk/FIV testing - paid by client or funded by OSB TNR program.

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

Each organization does their own fundraising. OSB asks for donations specifically for TNR also.

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:** 03/15/25

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.**

TNR groups will continue to seek donations. Grants will be applied for. We are also trying to work with the county to provide discounted vouchers to the community.

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.

• Social media posts, website link and press releases to the local media groups. We have always encouraged our followers to purchase the plate and we explain that some of those funds have come back directly to this community via previous grants.

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

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