

Grant ID: 2234

Title of Proposal: Orange County Spay and Neuter Voucher Program

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Orange County Board of County Commissioners

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Orange County Animal Services

Website Address: 2769 Conroy Rd

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Position: Animal Services Manger

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Agency Head: Diane Summers

Agency Head Email: AnimalServices@ocfl.net

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State: FL

Zip: 32839

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County: Orange

Cell:

Fax:

Agency Details

EIN: 59-6000773

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/22 **End:** 09/30/23

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$307,800.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$10,355,967.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 92 Part Time: 10

Number of Active Volunteers: 252

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 500.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? We previously applied and received funding.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2022 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1906	2020	Orange County, FL Spay/Neuter Outreach	Funded
2064	2022	Orange County Animal Services Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Grant	Funded
2234	2024	Orange County Spay and Neuter Voucher Program	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):

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

7040 cats and 7005 dogs were admitted.

5834 cats and 5811 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

955 cats and 1015 dogs were euthanized.

4757 cats and 3098 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.

The funds will go towards a spay and neuter voucher program for low-income households. Partnering high volume clinics are located throughout the local area and increase the availability and convenience for pet owners.

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

The voucher program currently issues 50 dog and 50 cat vouchers at the beginning of each month. Qualifying pet owners must fall into the 200% of the Federal Poverty line. There are multiple clinics to choose from to receive services.

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

Cats: 264 **Dogs:** 195

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	Orange County
Total human population in target area:	1,452,726
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	12.6%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	440220
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	363182
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	242121
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	7040
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	7005
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	955
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1015

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

We have no reason to believe there is a significant difference.

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

Many families in low-income areas face challenges affording sterilization services or do not prioritize having pets spayed/neutered. This results in unexpected litters who may be rehomed to friends, family members, or even neighbors facing the same challenges.

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?

Many of the private practice vets do not offer low-cost options for sterilization. While pet owners may be able to get affordable vaccinations or wellness visits, the surgeries can exceed personal resources.

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)?

Grant funds will be issued to qualifying low-income residents for vouchers for partnering clinics. Residents can qualify for up to two pets per household per a calendar year. We plan to fund at least 170 dogs surgeries and 170 cat surgeries using grant funds. Long term we would ideally reduce intakes by reducing unexpected litters. Remainder of vouchers will be funded through the county's general fund.

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

Last year we received 973 voucher applications. Of those, 264 cats and 195 dogs received services. In our feedback surveys, most pet owners stated they could not have afforded the surgeries without a voucher.

Methods

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

Applicants must be Orange County residents and have an income less than 200% of the federal poverty level or receive federal or state benefits.

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

Orange County Animal Services updates their website monthly when the voucher application portal is available. There is a direct link for the public to access there. Social media sites are also an effective way to raise awareness of the program.

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

Call center staff as well as shelter staff can assist residents who have difficulty completing the application. The three partnering clinics are located in opposite ends of the region for ease of access to the community.

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.

At this time, we do not transport any animals for the voucher program.

Veterinary Services

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

For the last four years, there have been three clinics partnering to accept low-income vouchers.

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
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	12050 E. Colonial Dr	Orlando	FL	32826	407-351-7722	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snip It Spay and Neuter Clinic	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	FL	34744	407-476-4748	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spay N Save	988 N Ronald Reagan Blvd	Longwood	FL	32750	407-920-4894	<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="\$60.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$95.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$95.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$95.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$95.00"/>

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 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="\$0.00"/>
Rabies Vaccination if Due <input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" 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="\$0.00"/>
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>
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* <input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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 different clinics may offer services at cost to the clients outside of the program.

Is this a voucher program? Yes

If so, how will you assure utilization of the program?

Vouchers are provided to qualifying residents who request them on a first come, first served basis each month. Applicants are unable to apply for future vouchers without claiming previously approved vouchers.

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

The program has been established for approximately four years. We periodically check with the clinics to see the waitlist for surgeries. Ideally, clients should be seen within a few months to avoid potential of unsterilized pets getting impregnated while waiting for surgery.

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?

Yes.

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 Services Advisory Board	The Advisory Board members raise awareness in the community for pet owners to apply. Board Chair has also spoken to the County Commissioners in support of the organization's efforts.

Other Information

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

N/A

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**Cats:** 170 **Dogs:** 170**Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000):** \$25,000.00**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$74.00**Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for (for example, vaccines, microchipping, ear notching, etc.):**

N/A

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

In addition to grant funding, Animal Services can fundraise for donations which go to the Trust Fund which can add supplemental funding.

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:** 10/01/24/ **Projected end date:** 06/30/25**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.**

Beyond grant funds, Animal Services will use general funding and donations to maintain the program.

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.*Animal Services will proceed with a press release announcing the grant funds and encourage the public to purchase supporting license plates. Social media platforms will also be used for advertising the voucher program and the importance of spaying and neutering pets.**

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