Grant ID: 2262

Title of Proposal: Franklin Forgotten Ferals

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: $10,000.00

Check Payable To: SGI Cat Allies, Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: SGI Cat Allies, Inc

Person Submitting Proposal: Cathy Buell

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: cathybuell17@gmail.com

Agency Head: Cathy Buell

Organization Business Address: 234 Prado St.

State: FL

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 404-229-3989

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Website Address: Sgicatallies.com

Position: President

Agency Head Email: cathybuell17@gmail.com

City: Apalachicola

Zip: 32320

County: Franklin

Fax:

Agency Details

EIN: 47-1636160

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 04/01/2015

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

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: $32,397.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: $31,958.00

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 6

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 48.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Our friends at Operation Catnip

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2017 Year(s) denied/incomplete: N/A

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1655	2016	Operation S.O.S. (Snip or Spay)	Denied
1734	2017	Operation Nip it in the Bud	Funded
2262	2024	Franklin Forgotten Ferals	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
Carolyn Bibb	Director
Cathy Buell	President
Dr. Hobson Fulmer	Director
Ginger Nelson	Director
June Crawford	Director

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.

0 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 welness 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.
In the past nine years, we have TNVR 2,040 CATS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, and hosted six (no cost)high volume/spay neuter clinics at Apalachicola Bay Animal 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
TNVR program focused on Franklin County Florida
Number of animals sterilized in that program in the past year:
Cats: 205 **Dogs:**

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	Franklin County
Total human population in target area:	12,498
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	18.1
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	3788
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	3125
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	2083
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.   By targeting Apalachicola, Eastpoint and Carabelle our efforts are focused on lower income demographics.
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Caregivers in (mostly lower income) residential areas that are overwhelmed with the cost of spay/neuter. Other substantial sources include restaurant properties, where cats are often dumped.
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?

Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic is the only veterinary hospital in Franklin County. They have hosted 6 high volume, low cost, spay/neuter events in the past nine years, but are not staffed to offer low-cost spay/neuter on a regular basis to locals.

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)?
To provide funding to help TNVR 250 cats in the coming year.

How does this program increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline?
By paying directly for the spay/neuter of community cats.

Methods

What criteria will you use to determine eligibility for your program?
Any free-roaming community cat cared for by a resident of the three municipalities listed above.

How will you advertise the program? Explain how the advertising will reach the target audience.
Social media, local radio station WOYS 100.5 We also participate in local festivals, advertising our program.

How will you address barriers to full use of the program such as transportation, illiteracy, and cultural hurdles?
We own a minivan, and provide trapping and transportation to and from trapping site. Operation Spay Bay in Panama City provides transportation from our temporary shelter in Apalachicola to and from Panama City. The illiteracy and cultural hurdles are addressed by our past success. Local caregivers who have benefited from our service often times convince friends /neighbors of the importance of TNR.

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.
1. 2006 Honda minivan, serves as our transport vehicle to and from trap site and our temporary shelter. 2. The city of Apalachicola has granted us use of a climate controlled classroom in a former high school building. Typically, cats are confined and cared for the night they are trapped, and then picked up by operation Spay Bay the next morning for surgery. We then care for the confined cats, post surgery, and return them to their caregiver property the following day.. Our TNVR protocols strictly follow Operation Catnip, Gainesville program. All volunteers are supervised by the two most senior members of our team, sharing 30 years of experience in animal welfare.

Veterinary Services

What arrangements have you made with veterinarians to perform the surgeries?
Operation Spay Bay, Panama City, performs most of our surgeries.

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
Operation Spay Bay	3520 E 15th St	Panama City	FL	32404	850-215-1022	☑

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	$40.00	$0.00	$40.00
Range for Female Cats	$40.00	$0.00	$40.00
Range for Male Dogs	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	$0.00	$0.00	$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 <u>any</u> 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:
All cats must be ear tipped and vaccinated for rabies. Additionally, we provide topical flea/parasite treatment and FVRCCP vaccine. The additional services are paid for through donations and fundraising activities.

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
Franklin County animal control	Keeping us informed of requests to trap/remove community cats, giving us the opportunity to intervene and provide assistance.
Franklin County Humane Society	We collaborate, when needed. Typically, five or six times per month.

Other Information

Provide any additional information that will help the grant selection committee understand how the program will operate to achieve its goals.
 Our phone number is posted locally and on social media, encouraging caregivers to text us regarding TNVR. Our trapping coordinator responds, and arranges trap date. We have successfully/neutered/vaccinated/returned 2,040 Franklin County felines, in the last nine years.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:
Cats: 250   **Dogs:** 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed $25,000): $10,000.00
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.):
Additional vaccines, flea/parasite, control, or paid for from private donations and fundraising advance

Describe any other funding sources for this program, i.e. other grants, targeted fundraising efforts, budget allocation, etc.
Because Apalachicola is a tourist favorite, and hosts many local festivals we have numerous opportunities to raise funds at these events. Additional grants from large organizations, and private donations help us fund our expenses.

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:** 08/29/25

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.
In the past, we have received funding from local donors, other grants and local festival booths.

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.
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We proudly display our specialty FAF license plate on our transport van, (NUTTER) in addition to our president's personal vehicle (FIXXM). Advertising on

social media and at local festival events has proven to be reliable means of spreading the news about FAF!

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