

Grant ID: 2195

Title of Proposal: SRCAS Community Cat Days

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Santa Rosa County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Santa Rosa County Animal Services

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Agency Details

EIN: 59-600842

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: \$2,503,096.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,604,767.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 29 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 30

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 15.00

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

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2022 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2016

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
55	2009	Santa Rosa Animal Friend	Denied
123	2010	A HELPING HAND FOR PAWS AND PURRS	Funded
301	2012	One Pet at a TIme	Funded
1397	2014	BE A PET CHAMPION	Funded
1608	2007		Funded
1684	2016	Spay and Neuter Is A Lifesaver	Denied
1812	2018	Litter Free Is The Way To Be	Funded
1920	2020	SRC Community Cat Program	Funded
2038	2022	Spay Now or Pay Later	Funded
2195	2024	SRCAS Community Cat Days	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:

2633 cats and 1158 dogs were admitted.

2531 cats and 1085 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

88 cats and 58 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 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.

Our community cat program has been highly successful with the community. We continue to have surgery dates and offer these to the community so they have the chance to help with the issue in their area. We have been awarded this grant before and have the detail worked out so that everything runs very well. Our surgery coordinator works directly with our medical team to get these surgery dates, and we have continued to do them on a regular basis. We have the capacity continue to successfully use grant funding to schedule more community cat days and prevent unwanted litters.

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 currently have community cat spay/neuter days when our budget and staffing allows. We offer this at no cost to the public.

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

Cats: 1138 **Dogs:** 0

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):	Santa Rosa County
Total human population in target area:	188,000
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	9.2
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	56970
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	47000
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	31334
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2586
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1174
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	114
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	65
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
We have chosen to work on the entire county, since the needs for assistance to alter community cats is everywhere.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
In our county there are a large number of community cats. Without any low-cost clinics in our county, the numbers continue to rise every year. This puts a continuous strain on the community as well as local resources.	

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?

There is currently no low cost program in our county. Citizens have to travel to a different county or even to the next state over to find low cost options. This is not sufficient to meet the needs of our community. We want to provide local resources so that we can help our community as well as work on stopping the issue at the source.

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)?

Santa Rosa County Animal Services hopes to perform an additional 500 spay/neuters with this grant. This will prevent multiple litters from reproducing and make an immediate impact on the area the community cats came in from.

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

This program allows a specific amount to be dedicated to our community cat program. While we continue to spay/neuter cats throughout the year, our number of available surgeries varies each year depending on the budget as well as any grants we have received. This grant would allow us to earmark a specific amount so that we can alter 500 cats in addition to what we would normally be able to perform surgery on through the year.

Methods

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

We will use our criteria as we have for the previous grants. Any citizen with a community cat that is located in our county can be altered through this grant. The cat must be a minimum of 3 months old. The citizen must be willing to bring the cat in and pick up the following day.

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

We have multiple ways of advertising for our community cat program. We use facebook as our primary source and have found it to be highly successful. We also post on our website, and spread the word through our various media sources such as radio and blog talk shows. Our officers are also sharing this information in the field with problem areas.

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

We have not found any issues that we cannot work out. Our officers have worked with citizens for transport when necessary. We dont require excess paperwork for our citizens so any literacy issues can be handled with our staff. We also aim to work with every citizen needing help, regardless of any culture differences. Our staff is respectful and helpful and will do what we can to make sure to help every citizen.

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.

During our public community cat days, we have the citizens bring in the animals directly. We do have a Friends Of group that is highly involved in our community. They have been able to work out transportation previously to assist citizens that need a hand. Also, our officers will work with a citizen on a specific pocket, and they try work directly with the citizen to alleviate any issues. Our officers are trained to safely handle these animals so there is no issue. For citizens bringing in community cats, one of our requirements is the cat be in a humane trap. This allows for safe transportation and handling.

Veterinary Services

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

Our in-house veterinarian will be doing the surgeries for our community cat program. We generally schedule 2 days per month to get these cats in. In the event we fall behind or see a need for more immediate action, we have a low cost clinic that we have worked with before that is willing to allow us to have bulk surgery days as well. So we feel that we are well covered to make sure we utilize services to knock out 500 surgeries in a quick and efficient manner.

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="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> 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:

We will use the 50.00 per cat to be applied to the spay/neuter cost. Our shelter will handle the cost of anything above that to include ear tipping, rabies, and flea prevention.

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
A Hope	A Hope is a local 501c nonprofit group that works with the shelter on a regular basis. They will be able to send citizens our way who are in need of assistance. They work hand in hand with the shelter to tackle our pet overpopulation problem. They are committed to help our community with this issue and we refer citizens to each other regularly given the particular situation.

Name	Level of Involvement
Friends of Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter	Friends of SRCAS is a local 501c group working with our shelter and helping us to meet our goals on a regular basis. The group members are dedicated in helping citizens work to get their community cats in to get altered. They spread the word with local caretakers and even assist in transportation when community members need help. They are a great help to our community cat program as well.

Other Information

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

Santa Rosa County Animal Services is fortunate enough to have received this amazing funding in the past, so we plan to go with what has worked for us previously. We will schedule community cat days for our citizens at no cost to them. We are able to do a set amount each surgery date. We expect to be able to get these surgeries completed well before the end of the grant period.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

Santa Rosa County Animal Services will be paying for any addition services provided. We provide rabies and fvrpc as well as ear tipping and flea prevention for each cat that comes in for the surgery. This allows the cat to have a good baseline for health once they are released back out. We are committed to the care of the community cats so we are taking on this cost in order to provide more detailed care for that visit.

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

Our organization works hard to continue to fundraise throughout the year and raise money to go to our various programs such as community cat support. We have utilized grant money from other awards in the past to continue to spay/neuter community cats so that the problem is being addressed at all times. However, the need is great so we know we can not let up. Our county budget has allowed us to continue with this support as well, and our plan is to supplement the 500 surgeries this grant would cover with additional funding through grants and other efforts.

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:** 08/01/24

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.**

Our organization has been able to continue to fund our community fund in the past by animal welfare grants as well as our partners for pet fund. Our donations go directly to this fund and we can allocate the money to what area we need. This allows us to fund programs such as our community cat program even when we do not have a grant source at the time. For future funding, we will continue to apply for grant funding from all available resources as well as requesting funding from our budget to address this important issue.

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.**

Santa Rosa County Animal Services has recently been assigned a public information officer specific to our organization. We are excited because this employee will be able to make sure this is highly promoted on our social media pages such as Facebook, our county website, and any other releases.

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

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