

Grant ID: 2308

Title of Proposal: Operation TNVR Hillsborough**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Rescue Pets of Florida

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Rescue Pets of Florida**Website Address:** 4220 Waterville Ave**Person Submitting Proposal:** jeanine cohen**Position:** Director**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** jeaninecohen@gmail.com**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 813-625-2405**Organization Head:** jeanine cohen**Organization Head's Email:** jeaninecohen@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** 4220 Waterville Ave**City:** Wesley Chapel**State:** FL**Zip:** 33543**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 813-625-2405**County:** Pasco**Organization Head's Cell:** 813-625-2405

Agency Details

EIN: 46-2336168**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 06/23/2014**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/23 **End:** 12/31/23**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$558,490.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$507,610.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** previous recipient, word of mouth and social media**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2023 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2022**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
2155	2023	OPERATION TNVR HILLSBOROUGH	Funded
2308	2025	Operation TNVR Hillsborough	Funded

***Type of Organization (check all that apply):**☐ **Municipal Agency with Shelter**

- ☐ Municipal Agency without Shelter
- ☐ Private Animal Shelter
- ☐ Private Animal Shelter with Municipal Contract
- ☐ Public Spay/Neuter Services
- ☐ Other Public Veterinary Services
- Non-profit Agency
- ☐ TNR Group
- ☒ Rescue Group
- ☐ Other

List the current President of your nonprofit organization (Not required of governmental agency):

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

0 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

2711 cats and 189 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

4 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

2743 cats and 180 dogs were sterilized.

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 last two years we have been doing Operation TNVR Hillsborough. In 2023 at our pop-up clinics, we did 1484 sterilizations 879 tnvr and 605 adoptables, in 2024 we did 1978, 1049 adoptables and 929 tnvr. With your help we are hoping to hit 1000 TNVR just at our pop-ups!

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

See above, we offer TNVR to experienced trappers.

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

Cats: 929 **Dogs:**

Target Population

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 ☐ S/N services where demand exceeds current resources. ☐ Other

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):

Hillsborough County

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

In Hillsborough County the source of dog and cat overpopulation is the lack of access to affordable sterilization options, especially for feral and community cats. According to the Humane Society of the United States, feral and community cats are the most significant source of cat overpopulation because only 2% have been sterilized and they produce approximately 80% of the kittens born each year. Further, with one of the highest rates of inflation in the country, Tampa has experienced a dramatic increase in veterinary costs including losing one of the few clinics offering TNR in the area.

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?

Hillsborough County has very limited low or no-cost sterilizations for feral and community cat populations. The taxpayer-funded

voucher program applies to only owned cats. The Humane Society of Tampa Bay hosts a feral cat program each Monday, but reservations are extremely limited. Harmony Veterinary Clinic offers a Monday spay and neuter clinic once a month where 100 trapped community cats can be sterilized, but those appointments also fill up quickly. The Pet Resource Center, Hillsborough County's public shelter, limits the county to a total of 10 TNVR spots per week for a population of over 1.5 million residents. There are simply not enough available TNVR resources in our county.

Objectives

What do you hope to accomplish with these funds (objectives should be specific and quantifiable)?

These funds will allow us to spay and neuter 1000 feral and community cats currently residing in target areas of Hillsborough County, Florida.

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

With this grant, we can guarantee 1000 tnvr spots at our pop up clinics. Since our goal is 1000, (we were so close last year) we constantly fundraise to cover the additional costs of the tnvr program.

Methods

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

Working with community trappers, they determine eligibility through a triage process where the trappers who all receive requests for assistance by the public, as well as when trappers discover new colonies. Some of the eligibility factors include the number of feral or community cats needing sterilization in an area. Are cats in immediate physical danger? Are they deemed a nuisance due to non-sterilized cat behaviors such as fighting and spraying? Are there kittens or pregnant females? The services needed are prioritized to determine the distribution of surgery appointments. Feral and community cats and will then be transported to the clinics in humane cat traps by volunteers, weighed, and deemed healthy enough for surgery as determined by a veterinarian. Kittens must weigh at least 2 pounds to be eligible for surgery.

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

While we thank all involved who support the program, we don't advertise these tnvr spots as they are taken as soon as they are posted in a private chat with trappers.

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

We let the trappers, feeders, colony caretakers, and other volunteers instruct the affected residents on the advantages of TNVR. Much of this contact will occur in person or through targeted advertisements. Contacts and instructions will be provided in Spanish where appropriate. Transportation of the cats will only be provided by trained trappers. The public does not come to our pop-ups.

Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe.

The transportation of cats in humane traps from the trapping sites to the clinics will be done by rescue volunteers, cat trappers or colony caretakers that are all well versed in feral cat behavior and containment.

Veterinary Services

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

WE ARE BEYOND EXCITED TO NOW PARTNER WITH BISSELL who is covering the costs of the vets, which cuts our costs in half. We have 10 vets who choose which pop-up they want to work. We select the dates based upon everyone's availability, and hire 2 vets and 6 vet techs for 100 surgeries, 1/2 of which are tnvr.

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
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Humane Society of Tampa Bay

3607 N. Armenia Ave

Tampa

FL

33607

813-876-7138

**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. This includes pain medication, ear tipping, and \$ 2 per animal for rabies vaccinations. Costs for licensing, testing, transport, etc. are not to be paid for with grant funds.

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
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 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 type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Feline Leuk/FIV	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Microchip	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<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**

Grant funds cannot be used for the above services except for pain medication, ear tipping, and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

The grant will cover \$25 towards the spay and neuter surgeries, ear-tip and pain medication. Rescue Pets of Florida will cover the rest.

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
CATpassionate Village	CATpassionate Village Inc. will utilize their volunteer cat trappers and TNVR team to participate in the Sunday TNVR clinics.
St. Francis Animal Rescue	St. Francis will utilize their volunteer cat trappers and TNVR team to participate in the Sunday TNVR clinics.

Other Information

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

We will never adopt our way out of the pet over population crisis and tnvr is the most effective way to reduce the number cats that end up in shelters.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 1000 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$25.00

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

We are now Bissell partners so they are covering the costs of the vets. We are also very creative in fundraising and applying for other grants, as well as like minded rescues sharing costs.

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

100%

If not 100%, please elaborate.

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: 09/01/25/ **Projected end date:** 09/01/26

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.**

We will continue to apply for grants, fundraise, and partner with other rescues as well. Hopefully our partnership with Bissell will continue to TNVR many more cats in the community.

Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate

***Applicants selected for funding are expected to actively publicize their grant in support of their spay/neuter program and promote the sale of the Animal Friend license plate. Publicity efforts should include press releases, newsletters, website links, and social media posts, among other strategies. Florida Animal Friend's marketing firm will provide assistance and advice, and partner with your organization to achieve coverage. 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 as part of their reporting obligations.**

You are already on our website, www.rescuepetsofflorida.org and we actually thank you every pop up that we post on facebook and tag you in the posts. We are honored when you share our posts.

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

Unknown