

Grant ID: 2372

Title of Proposal: Spay Today Save Tomorrow**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** TLC Petsnip

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: TLC Petsnip**Website Address:** Www.tlcpetsnip.org**Person Submitting Proposal:** Maria Herbster**Position:** Director**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** administrator@tlcpetsnip.org**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 863-221-5523**Organization Head:** Marie Herbster**Organization Head's Email:** administrator@tlcpetsnip.org**Organization Business Address:** 1701 E Gary Rd**City:** Lakeland**State:** FL**Zip:** 33810**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 863-686-7647**County:** Polk**Organization Head's Cell:** 863-221-5523

Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 61-1647971**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 05/11/2012**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 10/01/23 **End:** 09/30/24**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,867,469.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,828,545.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 22 Part Time: 3**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** past recipient**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2022 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2024**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
380	2013	PetSnip Grant	Denied (not completed)
1469	2015	Combee Community Spay/Neuter Project	Funded
1737	2017	Love-a-Bull Pitties	Denied (not completed)
1824	2019	Polk County Spay/Neuter Services	Funded
1892	2020	Spay Seffner	Denied

1938	2020	Ocala Location Spay/Neuter	Funded
2037	2022	Spay Day is better Spa Day	Funded
2245	2024	Spay Today, Save Tomorrow	Denied (not completed)
2372	2025	Spay Today Save Tomorrow	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):

Name	Title
Shannon Medina	President

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.

1936 cats and 2773 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.

TLC PetSnip has completed over 100,000 spay and neuter surgeries. While we had 3 clinics we have focused efforts on Polk County. In addition to offering low cost programs for the citizens, we also work closely with Polk County Animal Control to spay and neuter animals to increase their life saving measures, as they are the highest euthanasing shelter in the State of Florida. Our new Executive Director, Marie Herbster, used to be the Administrator at Polk County Animal Control and is used to managing 24,000 plus animals a year and managing a staff of 70 members. Since coming aboard Marie has increased our spay and neutering capacity over 1,000 percent.

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

TLC PetSnip's mission aims to address the issue of pet overpopulation and promote responsible pet ownership through its low-cost spay and neuter clinic. By providing affordable access to spaying and neutering services for animals, TLC PetSnip aims to reduce the number of unwanted litters, alleviate strain on animal shelters, and ultimately improve the overall welfare of pets within Polk County. This grant will enable us to expand our clinics reach, increase public awareness, and ensure that cost is not a barrier to responsible pet ownership.

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

Cats: 383 Dogs: 175

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.):

33844 33810 33880 33881 34759
33830 33803 33884 33813 33823
33809 33801 33837 33547 33811
33825 33860 33805 33897 33898
33868 33896 33812 33815 33843
33841 33853 33850 33859 33834
33838 33839 33827 33849 33846
33863 33867 33877 33807 33855
33856 33858 33882 33883 33888
33885 33802 33804 33806 33820
33831 33836 33835 33840 33845
33847 33851 33854

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

The increase in population and bringing their unaltered pets into Polk County. There is also not enough programs available to citizens to access affordable pet care. There is also a lack of enforcing the county ordinance to ensure that breeders are following the local ordinance and laws.

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?

TLC PetSnip is currently the only non-profit clinic in Polk County. One non-profit clinic that provides affordable spay and neuter services to the largest growing county in the State of Florida. There is the SPCA and the Humane Society of Polk County that also offer spay/neuter services within our targeted area. There are not enough services to keep up with the population of animals within Polk county and the inflation of citizens.

Objectives

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

We are going to have a Pitties and Kitties Campaign for those on any type of Disability, Social Security, or government assistance. We will also offer a last litter program for large breed dogs and cats, and offer periodic specials at even lower rates to help end the pet over population on those already breeding animals.. Large breed bully dogs make up a substantial number of the dogs being euthanized in our local shelter. We hope to alter 500 animals.

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

This program focuses on those populations most at risk of being in the shelter and provides an opportunity for those who would not normally afford to sterilize their pets. we anticipate an additional 500 pets with this grant funding and the focus on last litter will decrease those pets being born into an already overpopulated Polk County.

Methods

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

The last litter program will be available for anyone whose pet has had litters of puppies or kittens. Our Pitties and Kitties day will be offered for those that can attend that fit that criteria. Those on any type of government assistance always get a half price spay or neuter at our clinic.

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

We will advertise on social media and with flyers. Historically our spots fill up very quickly when we advertise these special event days.

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

While for safety reasons we cannot offer transportation help we have bi-lingual staff and signs in both languages to help those that

need it to overcome the cultural hurdles.

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

No

Veterinary Services

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

Animals that are eligible for spay/neuter through this program will be scheduled through our current HVHQS scheduling that is currently in place. TLC has the surgical veterinarians in place.

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. 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="\$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="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>

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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
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="\$15.00"/>
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="\$24.00"/>
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="\$25.00"/>
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 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
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:

Grant funds cannot be used for the above services except for pain medication, ear tipping, and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination. We will work with clients and our angel fund if other expenses occur that they cannot pay.

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
All Retriever Rescue	Referral source for clients this grant program.
Polk County Animal Control	Referral source for those needing spay and neuter support
Polk County Bully Project	Community support and referral source for this grant program

Other Information

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

We are proud to be a past Florida Friends Grant Recipient and we will run the program as we have in the past offering free days in the select categories of Pitties and Kitties and the Last Litter.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 250 **Dogs:** 250

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

TLC PetSnip has a donation fund that is called the "Angel Fund". This donation fund will help the animals that are eligible for the Florida Animal Friends grant, by assisting paying for vaccinations and microchips.

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

98

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:** 07/31/26

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 have our Angel Fund donation drive that will continue these programs past the Grant funding period.

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.**

We will have the license plate brochures at our checkout station as well as flyers on the door thanking Florida Friends and encouraging others to support.

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

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