

Grant ID: 2485

Title of Proposal: License Plate Grant Application**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Concerned Citizens For Animal Welfare of Volusia County Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency:	Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare of Volusia County, Inc	Website Address:	1977 Menger Circle, South Daytona, FL 32119
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State:	Florida	Zip:	32119
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Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 06-1650925**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 09/26/2002**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$72,951.02**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$75,165.19**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** CCAFW received a previous grant.**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
2078	2022	CCFAW 2022 GRANT #1	Funded
2485	2026	License Plate Grant Application	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
Cheryl Robel	Co-Founder, 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.

2600 cats and 30 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.

CCFAW created our TNR program in 2011. By 2014 all of the municipalities in Volusia County including Unincorporated County had adopted a TNR program as part of their animal control efforts to control the population of feral/abandoned cats. The municipalities thru their TNR programs pay for the spay or neuter and vaccinations for rabies and distemper. The cats ear is tipped for identification. The majority of the municipalities will also pay for adoptable colony cats and kittens to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies and distemper without an eartip so they can be adopted. In lieu of an eartip, adoptable colony cats and kittens must be microchipped with the microchip fee paid by the colony caregiver/foster. CCFAW manages the TNR program for free for six of the 16 municipalities in Volusia County. CCFAW fields calls from residents of these cities for help with TNR. We provide TNR Instructions, traps, volunteer trappers if needed, transportation to the spay/neuter clinic and we schedule 45+ TNR surgery appointments with the spay/neuter clinic each week. We do all of this for free.

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

CCFAW spent about \$15,000 of our budget last year for TNR and spay and neuter for feral/community cats and owned dogs and cats. Our main focus last fiscal year and this fiscal year is on TNR. Last fiscal year our TNR program for the six cities where we manage their TNR programs spayed and neutered over 2,500 feral/community cats. Budget cuts for TNR programs in the six cities we serve and the remaining 10 municipalities are putting the TNR program in jeopardy of being cancelled altogether so we are applying for this grant to make sure that the TNR programs thru-out Volusia County continue.

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

Cats: 2600 Dogs: 30

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.):

Daytona Beach, Holly Hill, Deltona, Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach, South Daytona, Ormond Beach

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

Low Income Rental Properties are the number one source of cat overpopulation. Over 90% of the calls CCFaw receives for help with abandoned/feral cats are from rental properties. Abandonment of intact cats and kittens is rampant. Abandonment of intact dogs (many with puppies) comes from the same areas.

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?

The cities in Volusia County have very few low cost spay/neuter facilities. CCFaw uses the Redinger Clinic for all the TNR surgeries that are paid for by the cities where we administer their TNR Programs. Unincorporated County has their own spay/neuter clinic. Free TNR appointments there are only for residents of Unincorporated County. CCFaw has been paying for TNR cats for residents of cities that have cut their budgets or stopped the TNR program altogether. Our donations are at an all time low as are donations for all of the rescues in Volusia County. Middle and low income residents throughout Volusia County can't afford to spay and neuter their own pets so a stray cat with kittens is not in their budget if the city where they live has cut the TNR program. Halifax Humane Society is no longer an open intake shelter so many cities have no place to take stray animals nor do their residents. The intake fee at Halifax is \$300.00 per dog or cat for cities with intake contracts (only two cities have intake contracts) and residents of Volusia County. The cities and the county cannot afford to pay \$300.00 intake fees. So cities with high volume stray animals are establishing make-shift shelters which require extra manpower so cuts are made to programs like TNR and Return to Field. Some municipalities like Port Orange and Unincorporated Volusia County just leave the animals run loose to breed, especially cats. The cat population is exploding and without funding from the cities there is no way the cat overpopulation is going to be "fixed" anytime soon.

Objectives

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

CCFAW will concentrate on spay and neuter of abandoned/feral cats (TNR). If we receive this grant we should be able to spay or neuter 400+ cats from municipalities who do not offer TNR to their residents or those municipalities who leave kittens in the colonies to grow up and breed.

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

CCFAW would provide funding to residents from cities where TNR is non-existent. CCFaw would also help colony caregivers in municipalities and Unincorporated Volusia County where the animal control department's policies leave kittens in the colonies to grow up and breed at 16 weeks of age instead of removing the adoptable kittens and taking them to fosters or rescues. This practice totally negates all the positive results of TNR.

Methods

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

Cat caregivers in municipalities throughout Volusia County who contact CCFaw because their colony size is out of control because of the policies of their animal control departments and city officials would be eligible for our program.

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

CCFAW would advertise on our Facebook page that has 8,000+ followers; we would advertise on local radio stations and podcasts and in our local newspaper that is sent for free to all residents. We would also share with all of the municipalities animal control departments and our local shelters.

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

We have volunteers from various cultural backgrounds that can communicate with cat caregivers throughout Volusia County. We

already provide help with trapping, transporting and rehabbing the cats after surgery. We provide written TNR instructions that cover every aspect of TNR. We are also available 24/7 for emergency situations.

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

CCFAW has volunteers who are experts at TNR who will pickup the cats, take them to the spay/neuter clinic, pick the cats up after surgery, rehab the cats for as long as it takes to make sure the cats are capable of going back to the colony and they return the cats to the cat caregiver to be released back into the colony.

Veterinary Services

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

CCFAW uses Halifax Humane Societies Redinger Spay/Neuter Clinic for our TNR surgeries. The Redinger Clinic provides CCFAW with 45 TNR surgeries every Wednesday. Starting in May we will also be adding another veterinarian who will do volume TNR surgeries (45 cats) one day a week at that clinic.

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
Redinger Spay Neuter Clinic	600 Mason Ave	Daytona Beach	FL	32117	386-202-6633	☒

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	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
Range for Female Cats	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
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**

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:

TNR requires a rabies vaccination.

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
Animal Control Departments for all of Volusia County Cities and Unincorporated County	TNR Programs in all cities and Unincorporated County are administered by Animal Control Departments. The Animal Control Departments refer residents to CCFAW for TNR.
CCFAW has dozens of businesses with cat colonies and hundreds of residential colonies that are regis	The businesses and the resident cat caregivers trap the cats, transport the cats to the spay/neuter clinic, rehab the cats after surgery and return the cats to the colony where they are fed and cared for for the rest of their lives.
Edgewater Animal Shelter	Edgewater Anima Shelter will take adoptable colony cats and kittens for foster and adoption.
Integrity Cat Rescue	Integrity Cat Rescue will take bottle feed kittens, and adoptable cats and kittens for foster and adoption.

Other Information

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

CCFAW's main objective as an organization since our inception in 2002 is to reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats by providing affordable, accessible spay and neuter services. In 2011 we established a county-wide TNR Program. Since then we have sterilized tens of thousands of abandoned/feral cats. Our priority now is to insure that the TNR programs put into place in 2011 are operational. The Animal Friends grant will be used to supplement TNR programs where funds have been reduced or the program has been put on hold indefinitely. Several of the municipalities have adopted procedures that are detrimental to traditional TNR program protocols. Leaving adoptable kittens in a colony to grow up and then reproduce before they can be trapped again and sterilized is unacceptable. It undermines the very definition of a TNR program. Kittens can get pregnant at 16 weeks of age and have kittens 62 days later.

Kittens having kittens. Cat colonies that start out with 5 cats now have 20 cats in a one year period. The caregivers cannot afford to feed all these cats and they cannot afford to have them sterilized when municipalities have cut funding for TNR or abolished the program altogether. If we receive the grant funding we can help these cat caregivers to get the cats fixed and adoptable cats and kittens can be sent to one of our partners who provide foster and adoption services. The colony then becomes affordable for the remaining cats. CCFaw will also continue to be advocates for spay and neuter for TNR cats and for owned cats and dogs whose owners are financially challenged. If we are fortunate enough to be awarded this grant it would be used for sterilization of abandoned/feral cats. Reducing the number of cats born in cat colonies is our primary objective. CCFaw has no paid employees, only dedicated volunteers including the CCFaw founders, Cheryl Robel and Pat Mihalic.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 400 **Dogs:** 20

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$60.00

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

CCFAW has Low Cost Pet Shot Clinics once a month. We also do fundraisers throughout the year and we ask for donations from the public. All funds raised are used for spay and neuter for owned dogs and cats and for TNR surgeries.

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: 09/01/26/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/27

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.**

CCFAW has been funding our programs for 24 years. We apply for other grants, we have local donors, we have fund raiser and we have our monthly Low Cost Pet Shot Clinics. We have contracts with the six cities where we administer their TNR programs. The cities agree to allow us to schedule TNR surgeries and they will pay for them. CCFaw does not charge the cities for the work that we do. The spay/neuter clinic bills the cities for the TNR surgeries that we schedule.

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.**

CCFAW has a Facebook following of 8,000+ followers. We will promote the sale of the Animal Friend license plate on our page. We will share the promotion with other dog and cat rescues that we work with and in city newsletters. We will also promote it on our Website and at our shot clinics. we will have our radio and podcast partners promote it too. Brochures from Animal Friends will be handed out at our shot clinics and at any fundraisers. We will submit documentation with our final report.

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

Unknown