

Grant ID: 2380

Title of Proposal: Targeted Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Services for Community Cats in Lee County**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Fortunate Ferals, Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Fortunate Ferals, Inc**Website Address:** fortunateferals.com**Person Submitting Proposal:** Kaylee Theroux**Position:** President**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** Fortunateferals@gmail.com**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 239-634-2163**Organization Head:** Kaylee Theroux**Organization Head's Email:** Fortunateferals@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** PO Box 14**City:** Lehigh Acres**State:** Florida**Zip:** 33970**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 239-634-2163**County:** Lee**Organization Head's Cell:** 239-634-2163

Agency Details

EIN: 46-1310628**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 11/02/2012**Dates of Last Fiscal Year:** **Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$17,100.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$11,400.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Nonprofit grant research and animal welfare funding networks.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2017,2019,2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2016**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1680	2016	Project Eartip	Denied (not completed)
1697	2017	Project Eartip	Funded

1779	2018	Operation Eartip	Ineligible
1847	2019	EarTips Appreciated!	Funded
2000	2021	TNR Lee County	Funded
2380	2026	Targeted Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Services for Community Cats in Lee County	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
Kaylee Theroux	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.****300 cats and 0 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.**

Fortunate Ferals, Inc. is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated exclusively to humane Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and community cat population management in Lee County, Florida. The organization coordinates targeted trapping, spay/neuter services, vaccination, ear-tipping, and return of free-roaming cats in partnership with local veterinary clinics and animal welfare agencies. In addition to direct TNR services, Fortunate Ferals provides community education through TNR workshops that train caretakers on humane trapping, colony management, and best practices for long-term population control. Program oversight and coordination are handled by experienced TNR leadership with over a decade of hands-on field experience. Fortunate Ferals has demonstrated the capacity to manage grant funding responsibly, administer spay/neuter vouchers, track outcomes, and collaborate with community caretakers to reduce strain on our municipal animal shelter and preventable euthanasia.

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

Fortunate Ferals operates a monthly low-cost and no-cost community cat spay/neuter program utilizing spay/neuter vouchers and direct clinic partnerships to remove financial barriers for caretakers and community members. Vouchers are distributed on a monthly basis and redeemed through participating veterinary clinics, ensuring cats are sterilized, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and returned to their original location. Monthly TNR workshops are also provided to equip caretakers with the skills and knowledge needed to responsibly manage colonies and prevent future litters. The program prioritizes high-need areas and colonies with documented shelter intake or nuisance risk, resulting in stabilized populations and reduced strain on our municipal animal shelter.

Number of animals sterilized in that program in the past year:**Cats: 300 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.):

Sun Coast, Lehigh Acres, North Fort Myers, San Carlos Park, Cape Coral,

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

reduced strain on our municipal animal shelter and preventable euthanasia. Unmanaged community cat populations are further fueled by owned but unsterilized pets that roam freely, abandonment during housing transitions, and limited understanding of local resources. In areas with high poverty rates and transportation barriers, residents may want to do the right thing but lack both information and access to services. Without education, colonies grow rapidly, resulting in repeated litters, increased shelter intake, and preventable euthanasia. Our program addresses this gap by combining targeted TNR with direct caretaker education. We provide hands-on guidance, workshops, and one-on-one support to teach proper colony management, trapping techniques, scheduling, post-operative care, and long-term monitoring. By pairing sterilization with education, we empower caretakers to maintain stable, healthy colonies and prevent future population growth rather than responding to crises after they occur.

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?

A small number of nonprofit and low-cost veterinary clinics in Lee County are able to accommodate some demand for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services; however, these clinics are consistently over capacity. Appointments for community cats are frequently booked weeks, and often months, in advance. This delay allows additional litters to be born before colonies can be sterilized, significantly limiting the effectiveness of population control efforts. Community-based TNR organizations therefore play a critical role in preventing shelter intake by addressing reproduction at its source. As a result, shelter-based TNR is restricted to select or emergency situations and cannot meet the ongoing, community-wide need for preventive sterilization of free-roaming cats. In addition to limited surgical capacity, there is a critical gap in public education related to TNR. Many residents are unaware of humane colony management practices, how to access services, or how to safely and effectively trap community cats. Our organization is one of the primary sources of TNR education in Lee County, providing workshops, individualized caretaker support, and hands-on guidance. By pairing education with access to spay/neuter resources, we help caretakers act responsibly and maximize the impact of limited veterinary availability, ultimately reducing future demand on shelters and clinics.

Objectives

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

The objective of this program is to reduce the population of free-roaming community cats in Lehigh Acres and North Fort Myers through a combination of education, shared-cost spay/neuter vouchers, mobile spay/neuter units, and direct Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) support. Over a 12-month period, Fortunate Ferals will: • Host 12 TNR education workshops, reaching approximately 300 caretakers (25–30 per workshop) • Provide shared-cost spay/neuter vouchers and direct TNR support to sterilize approximately 300–400 community cats through partner veterinary clinics • Utilize mobile spay/neuter clinics (approximately \$3,000 per clinic) to sterilize 40–50 cats in a single day when high-volume colonies are identified Mobile clinics allow large numbers of cats to be sterilized quickly, preventing multiple litters and accelerating population stabilization in priority areas such as Lehigh Acres and North Fort Myers.

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

Under current conditions, many caretakers in Lee County face barriers that prevent them from completing Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), including long clinic wait times, partial affordability, and lack of trapping or recovery resources. Without intervention, these challenges often result in delayed or abandoned sterilization efforts. This program increases the number of completed sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline by combining education, financial assistance, and coordinated trapping support. Monthly workshops convert interested caretakers into active participants, while shared-cost vouchers reduce financial barriers to surgery. Mobile spay/neuter clinics allow large numbers of cats to be sterilized in a single day when high-volume colonies are identified. By supporting each stage of the TNR process—from education to surgery to recovery his program ensures that scheduled appointments result in completed sterilizations rather than missed opportunities.

Methods

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

Eligibility for the program will focus on free-roaming community cats located in Lee County. Priority will be given to colonies with active reproduction, areas with repeated shelter intake or nuisance complaints, and caretakers who demonstrate a willingness to participate in Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and long-term colony management. Caretakers must agree to required ear-tipping, follow post-operative care guidelines, and participate in education provided through workshops or one-on-one guidance. Voucher assistance will be allocated based on need, colony impact, and clinic availability, with emphasis placed on high-volume colonies where sterilization will have the greatest population-level effect. Additional outreach occurs through printed educational pamphlets distributed at workshops and through partner organizations. The organization also maintains an active Facebook presence, which serves as a central hub for TNR education, workshop announcements, and program updates. A dedicated website is currently in development and will provide comprehensive information on TNR, caretaker resources, and updated workshop dates as they become available.

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

The program will be advertised primarily through monthly TNR education workshops, which serve as the main entry point for caretakers seeking assistance. Individuals who attend workshops receive education on humane community cat management and information on how to access spay/neuter services. Following workshop attendance, eligible participants receive spay/neuter vouchers and are responsible for scheduling their own veterinary appointments, with ongoing guidance available as needed. Additional outreach occurs through printed educational pamphlets distributed at workshops and through partner organizations. The organization also maintains an active Facebook presence, which serves as a central hub for TNR education, workshop announcements, and program updates. A dedicated website is currently in development and will provide comprehensive information on TNR, caretaker resources, and updated workshop dates as they become available.

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

The program is designed to reduce barriers by providing education first, followed by flexible, ongoing support. Workshops include verbal instruction, visual demonstrations, and hands-on guidance to accommodate different learning styles and literacy levels. Printed pamphlets reinforce key information and allow caretakers to reference instructions after workshops. While caretakers are generally responsible for scheduling their own appointments, volunteers remain available to assist with questions, clinic coordination, and problem-solving as needed. Cultural misconceptions surrounding community cats and sterilization are addressed through respectful, practical education focused on humane outcomes and community benefit. By emphasizing empowerment and accessibility, the program supports successful participation without creating unnecessary dependence on resources.

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

Yes. In certain situations, the organization provides transportation assistance for community cats. This occurs when a caretaker is physically or medically unable to transport cats, or when a high-need colony requires intervention and the caretaker is unable or unwilling to safely complete transport despite education and guidance. In these cases, the organization may assist with trapping and transport to and from veterinary appointments to ensure that cats receive timely spay/neuter and any necessary medical care. This support is provided selectively and strategically to address urgent needs, prevent further reproduction, and ensure animal welfare when other options are not feasible.

Veterinary Services

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

Fortunate Ferals has established ongoing working relationships with multiple local veterinary providers experienced in community cat spay/neuter and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs. These partners utilize community cat-friendly protocols and provide sterilization, microchipping, rabies vaccination, and ear-tipping in accordance with accepted TNR best practices. All surgeries are scheduled in advance, and trapping is not conducted without confirmed surgical appointments to ensure continuity of care and minimize stress on the cats. By coordinating with more than one veterinary provider, Fortunate Ferals maintains flexibility in scheduling and is able to adapt to clinic capacity limitations or urgent medical needs. These arrangements allow the organization to carry out humane, efficient, and responsible population management while ensuring cats receive timely and appropriate veterinary care.

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
Cape Coral Animal Shelter and Veterinary Clinic	325 SW 2nd Avenue	Cape Coral	FL	33991	239-573-2002	☒

Gulf Coast Humane Society Spay Neuter Clinic	2010 Arcadia Street	Fort Myers	FL	33916	239-332-1573	☒
Lighthouse Pet Clinic	4316 Lee Blvd #11	Lehigh Acres	FL	33971	(239) 674-9060	☒
Our Hope Center Animal Clinic	1621 N Tamiami Trl Suite 1 2 3	North Fort Myers	FL	33903	(239) 543-7387	☐
Southwest Florida Spay and Neuter Services	941 S Tamiami Trl # D	Port Charlotte	FL	33953	(941) 889-6777	☒
Still Waters Veterinary Center	1860 Boy Scout Dr Suites 203/204,	Fort Myers,	FL	33907	(239) 323-1469	☒
Suburban Animal Hospital	11131 Palm Beach Blvd	Fort Myers	FL	33905	(239) 694-6969	☒

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	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
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:

All cats are sterilized through a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program. Standard procedures include sterilization, rabies vaccination, pain medication, ear tipping, and microchipping. Caretakers are not charged for these services as part of the TNVR program. Grant funds are primarily used to support surgical-related TNVR services in accordance with Florida Animal Friend grant guidelines. When medically appropriate and allowable under grant guidelines, funds may also support limited supportive care

provided at the time of surgery, such as flea and parasite treatment, antibiotics for infection or wound care, or basic diagnostics necessary to ensure the cat can safely undergo sterilization and recover successfully.

Is this a voucher program? Yes

If so, how will you assure utilization of the program?

Utilization will be assured through regularly scheduled Trap-Neuter-Return workshops and the work of dedicated trappers operating within targeted zip codes and established colonies. Workshop participants may receive up to three vouchers and coordinate directly with participating veterinary clinics to schedule surgical appointments and plan trapping accordingly. In addition, Fortunate Ferals works closely with experienced trappers to address priority colonies on an ongoing basis. Trapping efforts and surgical appointments are coordinated in advance with participating clinics to align with available surgery dates, ensuring vouchers are used efficiently and sterilization is completed in a timely manner.

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

Veterinary capacity has been determined through ongoing communication with participating clinics, review of historical surgery volume, and confirmation of appointment availability prior to voucher distribution. Trapping is scheduled only after surgical appointments have been confirmed to ensure clinic capacity is respected and resources are used efficiently.

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?

Fortunate Ferals maintains detailed internal records tracking all vouchers issued and redeemed, including caretaker information, clinic confirmation, and proof of surgery completion. This system ensures accurate reporting, accountability, and compliance with grant requirements. It also allows Fortunate Ferals to remain in communication with caretakers following surgery in case additional cats appear at the colony or further assistance is needed to complete sterilization efforts.

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
Cape Coral Animal Shelter	Cape Coral Animal Shelter & Veterinary Clinic collaborates with Fortunate Ferals in support of community cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts. The shelter accepts spay/neuter vouchers issued through Fortunate Ferals to assist caretakers and trappers in sterilizing community cats. When friendly or socialized cats are identified during trapping efforts, the shelter may assist with intake and adoption placement when space allows. The shelter also refers community members to Fortunate Ferals for assistance with community cats and spay/neuter resources. This collaboration helps expand access to sterilization services, reduce unwanted litters, and improve outcomes for both community and adoptable cats in the region.
Gulfcoast Humane Society	Gulf Coast Humane Society collaborates with Fortunate Ferals to support community cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts through education, veterinary access, and positive outcomes for adoptable cats. Gulf Coast Humane Society accepts spay/neuter vouchers issued through Fortunate Ferals, helping caretakers access sterilization services for community cats. The organization also provides space for Fortunate Ferals to host an additional TNR educational workshop, where participants receive guidance on proper colony management and humane population control. Through this workshop, Fortunate Ferals distributes additional vouchers funded by the organization to support microchipping services, helping ensure that friendly cats entering care can be properly identified and safely placed when appropriate. When socialized cats or kittens are identified during TNR efforts, Gulf Coast Humane Society may assist with intake and adoption placement, allowing adoptable cats to transition from outdoor colonies into permanent homes.
Lee County Domestic Animal Services	Lee County Domestic Animal Services collaborates with Fortunate Ferals to support responsible community cat population management throughout Lee County. As the county's municipal animal shelter, they provide residents with spay/neuter coupons that help offset the cost of sterilization services for cats. These coupons are distributed through Fortunate Ferals' educational workshops, where community members receive instruction on proper Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) practices, colony management, and responsible caretaking. Fortunate Ferals is currently the only organization in Lee County offering these workshops, helping ensure

Name	Level of Involvement
	that residents receiving coupons are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to successfully complete sterilization and manage colonies responsibly. Through this partnership, Fortunate Ferals helps connect residents with county resources while expanding access to sterilization services and supporting efforts to reduce shelter intake of community cats.
Lighthouse Pet Clinic	Lighthouse Pet Clinic supports Fortunate Ferals' Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts by accepting spay/neuter vouchers issued through our program and providing veterinary care for community cats when medical treatment is needed. In addition to performing sterilization surgeries for cats identified through targeted TNR efforts, the clinic assists with evaluation and treatment of injured or ill community cats when cases arise. This partnership allows Fortunate Ferals to address both population control and urgent medical needs, improving the welfare of community cats while supporting responsible colony management within the region.
Southwest Florida Spay & Neuter Services	Southwest Florida Spay & Neuter Services partners with Fortunate Ferals by providing high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for community cats through both their stationary clinic and mobile surgical unit. The organization accepts Fortunate Ferals spay/neuter vouchers, allowing caretakers and trappers to access affordable sterilization services for cats identified through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts. Their mobile clinic also provides additional surgical capacity within the region, helping ensure that community cats can be sterilized in a timely manner. This collaboration significantly expands access to spay/neuter services, supports targeted TNR efforts, and helps reduce the number of unwanted litters entering local shelters.
Still Waters Veterinary Center	Still Waters Veterinary Center supports Fortunate Ferals' Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts by accepting spay/neuter vouchers issued through our program and providing surgical sterilization services for community cats. By working with caretakers and trappers participating in targeted TNR efforts, the clinic helps ensure that community cats can access timely and affordable sterilization services. This partnership expands veterinary access within the region and supports Fortunate Ferals' mission to humanely reduce community cat populations while preventing unwanted litters.
Suburban Animal Hospital	Suburban Animal Hospital supports Fortunate Ferals' Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts by accepting spay/neuter vouchers issued through our program. By providing surgical sterilization services for community cats trapped through targeted TNR efforts, the clinic helps caretakers and trappers access affordable veterinary care. This partnership expands the availability of sterilization services in the region and helps ensure that community cats can be spayed or neutered in a timely manner, reducing unwanted litters and supporting humane population management.
Voices For Animals	Voices for Animals assists with Trap-Neuter-Return efforts by supporting humane trapping, coordinating with caretakers, and assisting with colony management as needed. Fortunate Ferals collaborates with this organization to ensure cats are safely trapped, transported, and returned in accordance with TNVR best practices.

Other Information

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

Fortunate Ferals' educational workshops serve as a critical entry point for community caretakers seeking guidance and resources for managing community cats responsibly. Through these workshops, participants learn proper Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) practices, colony management techniques, and how to access local spay/neuter services and support programs. These workshops also serve as the point of distribution for Lee County Domestic Animal Services spay/neuter coupons, ensuring that participants receive both the education and resources needed to successfully complete sterilization. In addition to voucher-based sterilization through local veterinary partners, Fortunate Ferals works with mobile spay/neuter providers to expand access to high-volume services in areas with significant need. With additional support, Fortunate Ferals plans to assist with targeted mobile clinic opportunities in underserved communities, including an additional clinic serving the Suncoast (approximately 40 cats) and two mobile clinic events in Lehigh Acres. These efforts will help increase access to sterilization services, reduce unwanted litters, and improve long-term outcomes for community cats across Lee County.

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

Fortunate Ferals supplements grant funding through partnerships with several low-cost veterinary clinics that provide sterilization services at reduced rates for community cats. In addition, independent colony caretakers often contribute when possible toward the cost of surgeries. The organization also conducts ongoing fundraising and receives community donations that help support trapping equipment, transportation, and other program-related expenses. These combined efforts allow Fortunate Ferals to stretch grant funding as far as possible while assisting caretakers who may otherwise be unable to afford sterilization services.

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.**

Fortunate Ferals sustains its Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts through a combination of community donations, fundraising initiatives, and partnerships with local veterinary clinics that accept reduced-cost spay/neuter vouchers. The organization also works in collaboration with Lee County Domestic Animal Services, which provides spay/neuter coupons distributed through Fortunate Ferals' educational workshops. These partnerships help ensure continued access to sterilization services for community cats. Fortunate Ferals will continue pursuing additional grants and community support to expand these efforts and increase access to humane population management resources throughout Lee County.

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.**

Fortunate Ferals will actively promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter license plate through social media, educational workshops, and community outreach efforts. Information about the specialty plate will be shared through Fortunate Ferals' online platforms and included in posts highlighting the impact of spay/neuter programs in Lee County. Fortunate Ferals also plans to incorporate the promotion of the license plate into educational materials and outreach events. As part of these efforts, Fortunate Ferals will explore creating shirts and other promotional materials to help raise awareness and encourage community members to support the Florida Animal Friend license plate program.

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

Unknown