

Grant ID: 2462

Title of Proposal: From Crisis to Prevention: A Community Sterilization Strategy**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** FBCA, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Friends of Baker County Animals
(FBCA, Inc.)**Website Address:** www.FBCAFL.org**Person Submitting Proposal:** R. Paige Pittman**Position:** President &
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Cell:** 904-509-6371**Organization Head:** R. Paige Pittman**Organization Head's Email:** FBCAFL@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** 11789 Blueberry Lane**City:** Macclenny**State:** FL**Zip:** 32063**Organization Business Phone
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Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 99-4157884**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 08/06/2024**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last
Fiscal Year:** \$52,511.87**Organization Expenses in Last
Fiscal Year:** \$30,960.49**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009
Florida Animal Friend grant
competition?** Our President and multiple volunteers have the license plate supporting FAF. We applied last year as well but were told we were too new.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal
Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend
Applications:** Years Funded: 0 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 1**Auto-Generated (Previous
Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
2330	2025	Program Proposal	Ineligible
2462	2026	From Crisis to Prevention: A Community Sterilization Strategy	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
Rebecca P Pittman	President

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

226 cats and 2 dogs were admitted.

222 cats and 2 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

226 cats and 2 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.

Friends of Baker County Animals (FBCA, Inc.) is a nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation and improving outcomes for animals in Baker and Union County, Florida—underserved, rural communities with limited access to affordable veterinary care. A central focus of FBCA's work is Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR), which serves as the most effective and humane approach to managing the community cat population. FBCA is currently the only organization providing TNVR services in Baker County, filling a critical gap in resources and directly addressing the root cause of overpopulation. Through its TNVR program, FBCA works actively within the community to identify colonies, humanely trap cats, coordinate spay/neuter and vaccination services, and return healthy cats to their outdoor homes. This work not only stabilizes colony populations but also reduces nuisance behaviors, improves public health, and prevents the ongoing cycle of unwanted litters. While TNVR remains the primary focus, FBCA also supports owned cats on a smaller scale, particularly in situations where financial barriers would otherwise prevent spay/neuter. The organization's rescue program was developed organically through its TNVR efforts and community presence. FBCA frequently encounters cats and kittens that are either found as strays, trapped and surrendered through Animal Control, or identified during TNVR operations as candidates for socialization. In cases where cats—especially kittens or young adults—demonstrate the potential to be socialized, FBCA intervenes to provide foster care, medical treatment, and ultimately placement into permanent homes. This approach allows the organization to offer a better outcome for adoptable cats rather than returning them to the street, while still maintaining a responsible and balanced TNVR program. FBCA has built strong working relationships with regional veterinary providers to ensure access to high-quality, cost-effective spay/neuter and vaccination services. The organization coordinates all aspects of the process, including trapping logistics, transport, scheduling, and follow-up care. A dedicated network of volunteers and fosters supports daily operations, assists with colony management, and helps identify high-need areas within the community. The program is led by FBCA's leadership team, which brings experience in nonprofit operations, program coordination, and animal welfare. Leadership is actively involved in all aspects of implementation, including TNVR coordination, foster oversight, veterinary communication, and community engagement. The team has established efficient processes for managing intake, tracking outcomes, and ensuring responsible use of resources. FBCA has demonstrated the capacity to successfully carry out this program through: Ongoing management of an active TNVR program serving multiple colonies across Baker County Coordination of intake, foster placement, and adoption for socialized cats and kittens Established veterinary partnerships to support consistent spay/neuter access Strong community engagement and responsiveness to calls for assistance Organized systems for scheduling, tracking, and program oversight Looking ahead, FBCA is committed to expanding its impact by increasing access to spay/neuter services for owned dogs in low-income households—another critical need within the community. By building on its existing infrastructure and experience, FBCA is well-positioned to continue reducing overpopulation across both community cats and owned pets. With a clear mission, established processes, and a proven ability to meet community needs, FBCA has the capacity to effectively implement and sustain this program while making a measurable impact in Baker County.

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

Friends of Baker County Animals (FBCA, Inc.) currently operates a low-cost and, in many cases, no-cost spay/neuter program primarily focused on community cats through its Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) efforts. This program was developed in direct response to the overwhelming need for population control in Baker County, where no other TNVR resources exist. Through this program, FBCA works within the community to identify and manage cat colonies, humanely trap cats, and coordinate spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations with partnering veterinary providers. For true community cats—those without an identifiable owner—services are typically provided at no cost to the individual reporting or caring for the colony, removing financial barriers that would otherwise prevent intervention. For owned cats, FBCA offers low-cost assistance on a limited basis, prioritizing low-income households and situations where unaltered pets are contributing to ongoing overpopulation. FBCA manages all aspects of the program, including: Intake and assessment of community need Humane trapping and transport coordination Scheduling with veterinary partners Post-operative recovery and return of community cats Follow-up support and colony management guidance The program is intentionally targeted to maximize impact, focusing on high-volume colonies and areas with repeated reports of litters, nuisance complaints, or intake into Animal Control. By addressing these areas, FBCA is able to significantly reduce future reproduction, intake, and euthanasia risk. In addition to TNVR, FBCA integrates its rescue efforts when appropriate. Cats and kittens identified during trapping that show signs of socialization are diverted into foster care, fully vetted—including spay/neuter—and placed into permanent homes. This ensures that adoptable animals are given the opportunity for a better outcome while still maintaining the integrity and goals of the TNVR program. While the current program is heavily focused on community cats, FBCA recognizes the growing need for accessible spay/neuter options for owned dogs in low-income households. The organization has begun laying the groundwork to expand services in this area, with the goal of offering low-cost solutions that will further reduce overpopulation across the community. Through its established processes, veterinary partnerships, and active community engagement, FBCA's low-cost/no-cost spay/neuter program is effectively reducing the number of unaltered animals in Baker County and creating a sustainable, long-term impact.

Number of animals sterilized in that program in the past year:**Cats:** 314 **Dogs:** 0

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.):

Baker County, Bradford County, Union County

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

The most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties stem from a combination of limited access to veterinary care, economic hardship, and gaps in animal welfare infrastructure common in rural communities. Limited Access to Affordable Spay/Neuter Services These counties are largely rural with few veterinary providers, requiring many residents to travel significant distances to obtain care. For low-income families, the cost of spay/neuter procedures and transportation creates a barrier that results in large numbers of unaltered pets. Without accessible and affordable sterilization options, accidental litters continue unchecked. Economic Hardship and Pet Retention Challenges Many households in the target area face financial constraints that make routine veterinary care unattainable. When families struggle to afford food, housing, and medical expenses, preventative pet care becomes a lower priority. This often leads to delayed sterilization, unplanned litters, and in some cases, pet abandonment. Free-Roaming and Unconfined Pets In rural communities, it is common for owned dogs and cats to roam freely without containment. This increases the likelihood of uncontrolled breeding, particularly among unaltered animals, and contributes directly to rising stray populations. Growing Stray and Community Cat Populations All three counties have significant populations of stray dogs and unowned community cats. Feral cat colonies expand rapidly when Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) resources are limited. Without consistent sterilization efforts, these populations grow exponentially and place additional strain on shelters and caregivers. Limited Animal Control and Shelter Capacity Animal control agencies and municipal shelters in these counties operate with limited staffing and funding. As intake numbers rise, resources are stretched thin, reducing the ability to respond quickly to stray animal reports or implement proactive population control measures. Lack of Public Awareness and Education Some residents remain unaware of the long-term impact of pet overpopulation or the health and behavioral benefits of spay/neuter. Limited access to bilingual outreach, community education programs, and affordable service information contributes to low sterilization rates. Pet Abandonment in Rural Areas Economic instability, housing transitions, and lack of pet-friendly rental options lead some owners to surrender or abandon animals. In rural areas, abandoned pets are less likely to be recovered quickly and often reproduce before intervention occurs. Gaps in Local Ordinances and Enforcement Many municipalities within the target region lack comprehensive animal welfare ordinances related to breeding regulation, containment, and responsible ownership. Limited enforcement further reduces deterrence and allows preventable overbreeding to persist. Addressing overpopulation in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties requires expanding access to affordable spay/neuter services, increasing community education, strengthening partnerships with local agencies, and implementing proactive population control strategies. Targeted investment in these preventative measures is the most effective way to reduce shelter intake, improve animal welfare, and support responsible pet ownership across the region.

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?

Spay/neuter services available to residents of Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties are limited in scope, frequency, and accessibility. While several resources exist, they are insufficient to meet the high community demand for affordable sterilization services. Existing Spay/Neuter Resources Low-Cost and Transport-Based Clinics Residents primarily rely on periodic low-cost clinic opportunities that are dependent on grant funding and transport availability. Because the majority of participating veterinary providers are located 45–60 minutes outside the target area, pet owners must depend on organized transport programs or secure reliable personal transportation. These clinics serve an important role but operate infrequently and can accommodate only a limited number of animals per event, resulting in long waitlists and delayed services. Private Veterinary Clinics Local veterinary practices in and around the three counties do provide spay/neuter procedures; however, pricing is typically consistent with full-service medical care and remains cost-prohibitive for many low-income households. For rural residents, the added cost of travel, fuel, and time away from work further reduces accessibility. Nonprofit and Rescue Partnerships Animal welfare organizations and rescue groups occasionally provide financial assistance, vouchers, or host sterilization events through partnerships with regional veterinarians. While impactful, these programs are limited by staffing capacity and inconsistent funding streams, restricting the number of animals that can be served annually. Available assistance often cannot meet the sustained demand across geographically dispersed rural communities. Current Service Gaps and Insufficiencies Geographic and Transportation Barriers Large portions of the target region lack nearby veterinary providers. Many residents do not have reliable transportation or are unable to travel long distances, making even low-cost services inaccessible. Insufficient Appointment Availability Existing programs cannot meet current demand. Limited clinic dates, surgical capacity caps, and high community need create service backlogs that allow continued breeding cycles while residents wait for appointments. Financial Barriers for Low-Income Residents A significant portion of the population in these counties cannot afford market-rate veterinary services. Without subsidized options, many pets remain unaltered, directly contributing to unplanned litters. Inconsistent and Fragmented Services Programs vary widely by county and funding cycle, creating confusion for residents and leaving some communities underserved for extended periods. The lack of a consistent, centrally coordinated sterilization program reduces overall effectiveness. Limited Community Awareness Many residents are unaware of available assistance programs or do not fully understand the health, behavioral, and community benefits of spay/neuter. Rural outreach challenges further limit program utilization. To adequately meet community needs, Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties require expanded funding for consistent low-cost spay/neuter services, increased transport capacity, more frequent mobile or regional clinic events, and enhanced outreach efforts. Strengthening these resources would significantly reduce the number of unaltered animals, prevent unplanned litters, and provide sustainable population control in these underserved rural communities.

Objectives

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

With funding from Florida Animal Friends, Friends of Baker County Animals will implement the following specific and measurable objectives in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties during the grant period: 1. Provide Sterilization for 360 Animals Grant funds will support spay/neuter services for 60 owned dogs and up to 300 free-roaming and community cats through targeted Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts. This high-impact approach focuses resources on the animal populations most responsible for rapid reproduction, preventing thousands of future births over time and significantly reducing shelter intake. 2. Provide Transportation Assistance for 100% of Owned Dogs Served All owned dogs enrolled in the program will receive coordinated round-trip transport to partnering veterinary providers in surrounding counties. Transportation assistance removes significant barriers for low-income residents, including lack of reliable vehicles, long travel distances, and lost wages from time away from work. 3. Target Services to High-Need Areas and Caregivers TNR efforts will prioritize colonies identified through shelter intake trends, animal control reports, and community caregiver outreach. Owned-dog services will prioritize low-income households and residents in areas with limited access to veterinary care, ensuring funds are directed where they will have the greatest impact on overpopulation. 4. Deliver Community Education and Outreach to at Least 20,000 Residents Across 3 Counties Through digital campaigns, printed educational materials, community events, and local partnerships, we will reach a minimum of 20,000 residents with information about responsible pet ownership, the importance of sterilization, and available low-cost resources.

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

This program will directly increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties by expanding service capacity, removing access barriers, and broadening the populations served. Building on a Proven Baseline In 2025, Friends of Baker County Animals focused exclusively on Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts for community cats due to funding limitations. Through support from business sponsors and private donors, the organization successfully sterilized 314 free-roaming cats. However, without dedicated program funding, no owned dogs received spay/neuter assistance, leaving a significant service gap in addressing pet overpopulation. Expansion of TNR Capacity With support from Florida Animal Friends, FBCA will significantly scale its community cat program, increasing annual TNR sterilizations from 314 cats to more than 500 cats. This expansion allows the organization to move from limited, funding-dependent efforts to a more consistent and targeted population-control strategy focused on high-density colonies. Introduction of Owned-Dog Sterilization Services Grant funding will also allow FBCA

to expand beyond community cat sterilization by supporting spay/neuter services for 60 owned dogs. These surgeries represent an entirely new service category for the organization and a measurable increase above the current baseline, addressing a population that previously lacked financial and transportation support for sterilization. Dedicated Transport Creating New Access A significant portion of residents lack reliable transportation or the ability to travel long distances for veterinary care. By providing organized transport for all owned dogs served, this program converts unmet need into completed surgeries. These are animals whose owners would otherwise delay or forgo sterilization due to distance, travel costs, or lost wages. Removing this barrier directly increases procedure volume beyond current baseline levels. Strategic Targeting for Maximum Impact Services will be directed to geographic areas with the highest concentrations of unaltered animals, using shelter intake trends, animal control data, and reports from community caregivers. This targeted approach ensures resources produce measurable increases in sterilization volume rather than duplicating services already accessible in more resourced areas. By increasing annual TNR capacity from 314 to more than 500 cats and introducing owned-dog sterilization services for the first time, this program ensures that all funded procedures represent a clear and measurable increase above the region's existing sterilization baseline.

Methods

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

Eligibility for spay/neuter services supported through this program will be determined using clear, need-based criteria to ensure resources are directed to residents and animal populations most contributing to overpopulation. Income-Based Eligibility for Owned Dogs Owned-dog services will be reserved for low-income households that would otherwise be unable to afford sterilization. Eligibility will be determined using Federal Poverty Guidelines or participation in income-qualified assistance programs. Acceptable documentation may include proof of government assistance, recent tax documentation, or income verification. This ensures financial barriers are reduced for families most in need of support. Geographic Residency Requirements Applicants must reside within Bradford, Baker, or Union Counties. Residency verification may include a driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement, or comparable documentation. This ensures funding directly benefits the rural communities experiencing the greatest access gaps and overpopulation challenges. Unaltered Pets Only Owned dogs must be unaltered and not part of commercial breeding operations. Priority will be given to pets living in households with multiple animals, pets allowed to roam freely, and animals in areas with high shelter intake rates. This prioritization focuses resources on animals most likely to contribute to unintended litters. Eligibility for Community Cats Through Managed TNR Free-roaming and community cats will be served through organized Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts. Eligible cats must be part of identified colonies or reported roaming populations within the target counties. Colony caregivers, community residents, and partner organizations may request assistance for these animals. This approach ensures sterilization efforts target populations with the highest reproduction rates and least access to veterinary care. Priority for High-Need and At-Risk Situations Priority will be given to households experiencing financial hardship, areas with high concentrations of unaltered animals, and situations where pets are at risk of surrender or abandonment. TNR efforts will prioritize colonies identified through animal control reports, shelter intake data, and caregiver outreach. By applying these criteria, Friends of Baker County Animals ensures that support from Florida Animal Friends is directed toward residents and animal populations with the greatest need, maximizing the program's impact on reducing overpopulation in underserved rural communities.

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

To ensure that the spay/neuter program funded by Florida Animal Friends reaches the target audience in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties, Friends of Baker County Animals will implement a multi-channel outreach strategy designed to engage low-income pet owners, rural residents, and community cat caregivers. 1. Social Media Campaigns Platforms: Facebook and Instagram will be used to reach residents across the three counties. Content: Posts will include program details, eligibility requirements, application instructions, success stories, and educational information about the benefits of spay/neuter. Eye-catching graphics and concise messaging will maximize engagement. Targeting: Geo-targeted ads and boosted posts will specifically reach residents of Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties, including low-income and rural households. 2. Partnerships with Local Media Local Newspapers & Radio: Press releases, event announcements, and program ads will be placed in community newspapers and radio stations widely used in these counties, reaching audiences who rely on traditional media sources. 3. Flyers and Posters in High-Traffic Locations Community Hubs: Flyers and posters will be displayed at veterinary clinics, animal shelters, post offices, libraries, grocery stores, and community centers. Direct Distribution: Program materials will also be handed out at local events, markets, and public gatherings to reach residents with limited online access. 4. Collaboration with Local Organizations Animal Welfare Partners: Partnerships with shelters, rescues, and nonprofit organizations will help amplify messaging through their existing networks, newsletters, and social media pages. Community Outreach Events: Participation in adoption fairs, pet expos, and local festivals will allow in-person promotion and enrollment, particularly among caregivers of community cats. 5. Engagement with Local Institutions Government and Municipal Channels: Program information will be shared via county websites, community bulletin boards, and local offices. Schools and Faith-Based Organizations: Flyers and program announcements will be provided to schools, churches, and other community gathering places, which often serve as trusted information sources. This multi-channel approach ensures that the program reaches a broad and diverse audience across Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties, particularly households and caregivers most in need of low-cost or free spay/neuter services. By combining digital, print, in-person, and partner-based strategies, FBCA will maximize awareness, enrollment, and participation.

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

To ensure full participation in the spay/neuter program and address barriers such as transportation, illiteracy, and cultural hurdles, Friends of Baker County Animals will implement a comprehensive, inclusive approach: 1. Transportation Access Group Transport & Volunteer Drivers: All owned dogs will receive organized round-trip transport to partner veterinary clinics. Volunteers from the community will assist with pick-up and drop-off, helping elderly, disabled, or car-less pet owners access services. Flexible Transport Options: For TNR efforts, FBCA will coordinate mobile trapping and transport for community cats, reducing the need for caregivers to

travel long distances. 2. Literacy and Language Support Visual & Simplified Communication: Step-by-step diagrams, infographics, and pictorial guides will clearly explain the spay/neuter process, eligibility criteria, and program access for individuals with limited literacy. Application Assistance: Staff and volunteers will provide in-person and phone support to help residents complete forms and navigate the program. 3. Cultural Sensitivity and Community Engagement Culturally Relevant Messaging: Outreach materials will be reviewed with local leaders and cultural organizations to ensure messaging is respectful, relevant, and addresses common misconceptions about spaying/neutering. Trust-Building Events: FBCA will participate in community events, local fairs, church activities, and caregiver gatherings to provide face-to-face education, answer questions, and build trust with diverse populations. 4. Targeted Outreach for Vulnerable Populations High-Need Communities: Efforts will focus on rural residents, low-income households, and families at risk of surrendering pets due to overpopulation challenges. Partnerships with Social Service Agencies: FBCA will collaborate with local social service organizations to identify and connect eligible pet owners to program resources, ensuring those facing multiple barriers can access services. By combining transportation support, literacy- and language-sensitive materials, culturally informed outreach, and targeted engagement, this program ensures that all residents and community cat caregivers in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties can participate fully. This approach maximizes program accessibility, strengthens community trust, and increases the overall impact on reducing pet overpopulation.

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

Yes, this project involves transportation of animals by someone other than the client. To ensure all pets can access spay/neuter services, Friends of Baker County Animals will provide coordinated transport for both owned dogs and community cats. 1. Volunteer Transport for Owned Dogs A network of trained community volunteers will pick up eligible dogs from their owners, deliver them safely to partner veterinary clinics for sterilization, and return them to their homes after the procedure. This service is provided at no cost, removing transportation as a barrier for residents without personal vehicles or those facing distance and time constraints. 2. TNR Transport for Community Cats For free-roaming and community cats, FBCA will coordinate transport from trap locations to veterinary partners. Caregivers or volunteers will assist with trapping, and FBCA will manage safe transport to and from the clinics to ensure high-volume TNR operations are feasible across the counties. By providing structured volunteer and caregiver-supported transport, the program ensures that transportation does not prevent participation, increasing overall access to sterilization services and helping reduce pet overpopulation in the target areas.

Veterinary Services

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

Friends of Baker County Animals has established strong partnerships with reputable veterinarians to perform spay/neuter surgeries for both owned dogs and community cats in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties. 1. First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) FCNMHP operates a well-established, low-cost spay/neuter clinic and has agreed to perform surgeries for animals from our service area. They also provide transport services for pets at an additional cost, which FBCA will cover using donated funds, ensuring that this transportation does not impact Florida Animal Friend grant funds. FBCA will coordinate with their team to ensure timely scheduling and efficient care for both owned dogs and community cats involved in TNR efforts. 2. Humane Society of North Central Florida The Humane Society of North Central Florida has agreed to provide spay/neuter surgeries for animals from the target counties. Their fully equipped clinic and experienced veterinary team can handle a high volume of surgeries, and they have commi

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
First Coast No More Homeless Pets	6817 Norwood Ave	Jacksonville	Florida	32208	904-425-0005	☒
Humane Society of North Central Florida	4205 NW 6th St.	Gainesville	FL	32609	352-373-5855	☐

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	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$60.00
Range for Female Cats	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$60.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00

Range for Female Dogs

\$50.00

\$110.00

\$160.00

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 \$10.00**Pain Medication*** ☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available☒ No ☐ Yes**Parasite Medication** ☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available☐ No ☒ Yes \$10.00**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 \$10.00**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:

Community Cats - Full package *Receive ear tip, 24hr pain injection, Sterilization, Rabies, topical flea/dewormer, and FVRCP. Total Package is \$60. We ask \$20 currently from caretakers per cat and subsidize the remaining. We can further break down this \$60 to remove the FVRCP equivalent amount and not use FAF funds for this. Dog Package - Surgery includes Pre-surgical exam, Surgical pain injection, Rabies vaccine/Rabies Certificate, Sub-Q fluids (if needed), Antibiotic injection (if needed). Canine Surgery Rates: · Dog Spay under 40 lbs. \$130.00 · Dog Spay over 40 lbs. \$140.00 · Dog Neuter under 40 lbs. \$98.00 · Dog Neuter over 40 lbs. \$100.00 · 3-Day Pain Medication: \$15 · Distemper Vaccination (Canine or Feline): \$12 · Microchip: \$15

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
Baker/Union/Bradford County Animal Control	Baker County Animal Control, Bradford County Animal Control, and Union County Animal Control are committed partners in promoting the program to both pet owners and community cat caregivers. They will help identify households in need of assistance, raise awareness about available spay/neuter services, and support outreach to colony caretakers to encourage participation in TNR efforts. Through these partnerships, FBCA ensures strong community collaboration, effective outreach, and maximum program impact in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties.
Baker/Union/Bradford County Animal Control	Baker County Animal Control, Bradford County Animal Control, and Union County Animal Control are committed partners in promoting the program to both pet owners and community cat caregivers. They will help identify households in need of assistance, raise awareness about available spay/neuter services, and support outreach to colony caretakers to encourage participation in TNR efforts. Through these partnerships, FBCA ensures strong community collaboration, effective outreach, and maximum program impact in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties.
Friends of Baker County Animals	In addition, FBCA will assess community cats on transport to identify opportunities for socialization, potentially placing adoptable cats into foster homes or transferring them to local rescue groups for adoption. This approach not only addresses overpopulation through sterilization but also helps reduce the number of cats living on the streets by connecting them with adoption pathways.

Other Information

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

In addition to the plans and partnerships outlined, several key elements will ensure that the spay/neuter program achieves its goals:

1. Comprehensive Data Tracking and Monitoring FBCA has implemented a data system to track all animals sterilized, including owned dogs and TNR community cats, monitor demographics of participants, and assess program outcomes. This data will inform strategic adjustments to maximize impact and measure reductions in overpopulation over time.
2. Targeted Outreach and Community Engagement We will use a combination of social media, local media, flyers, and in-person outreach to reach pet owners and colony caregivers. Community partners, including The London Sanctuary and local animal control agencies, will assist in signing up owned dogs, evaluating applications, and promoting TNR participation to caretakers. Outreach will focus on high-need households and underserved rural areas.
3. Transportation and Accessibility FBCA volunteers and partner organizations will provide transport for owned dogs and TNR cats to veterinary clinics, ensuring participation is not limited by distance or lack of vehicles. This includes safe handling, post-surgery recovery, and follow-up support.
4. Socialization and Adoption Opportunities for Community Cats During transport and post-surgery recovery, FBCA will assess TNR cats for socialization potential. Cats that are friendly or can be socialized will be placed in foster homes or transferred to local adoption programs, reducing street populations and giving cats a path to permanent homes.
5. Sustainability and Partnerships By leveraging partnerships with veterinarians, animal control agencies, The London Sanctuary, and local rescue groups, FBCA is building a sustainable network for ongoing spay/neuter and TNR efforts. Long-term community engagement and education on responsible pet ownership will further reinforce program goals beyond the grant period.
6. Flexibility and Problem-Solving FBCA will address challenges such as transportation barriers, literacy, and cultural hurdles with flexible scheduling and volunteer support, ensuring broad participation. Through these combined strategies, FBCA will maximize sterilization rates, reduce overpopulation, and promote responsible pet ownership, creating lasting positive change in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 300 **Dogs:** 60

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$100.00

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

In addition to the Florida Animal Friend grant, Friends of Baker County Animals relies on a combination of private donations, targeted fundraising, and budget allocation to support and sustain the spay/neuter program in Bradford, Baker, and Union Counties. These funding sources ensure the program can reach both owned dogs and community cats while remaining flexible and responsive to community needs.

1. Private and Community Donations FBCA actively solicits donations from local supporters,

businesses, and community members who are committed to animal welfare. These funds help cover program expenses such as spay/neuter surgeries, transport, and post-surgery care, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent participation. 2. Targeted Fundraising Efforts FBCA organizes events including adoption fairs, charity walks, community fundraisers, and online campaigns. These events not only generate financial support but also raise awareness of responsible pet ownership and TNR programs. Local businesses, particularly in the pet care industry, provide sponsorships or in-kind donations, such as supplies or promotional support. 3. Budget Allocation and Cost Efficiency FBCA carefully allocates available funds to priority areas: surgeries, transport, outreach, and community education. By negotiating discounted veterinary services and utilizing volunteers for transport, outreach, and administrative tasks, FBCA maximizes the impact of every dollar spent. 4. Long-Term Sustainability FBCA continues to build relationships with community partners and supporters to ensure ongoing program sustainability. As the program grows, FBCA will maintain a diversified funding base to support spay/neuter services, outreach efforts, and TNR initiatives beyond the initial Florida Animal Friend grant. Through these combined funding strategies, FBCA ensures the spay/neuter program is resilient, community-supported, and capable of achieving measurable reductions in pet overpopulation.

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

80

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.**

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the spay/neuter program, FBCA has developed a comprehensive plan for securing ongoing funding beyond the Florida Animal Friend grant. We understand that relying on a single funding source is not sufficient, so our strategy emphasizes multiple streams of support, including grants, local donations, and revenue-generating initiatives. Additional Grants: We will actively pursue funding from animal welfare foundations and state-level programs that support spay/neuter efforts, pet overpopulation reduction, and community health. Collaborative grant opportunities with local shelters, veterinary clinics, and rescue groups will also be explored to increase program reach and impact. Local Donations and Fundraising: We will cultivate consistent support from the community through events such as adoption fairs, charity walks, and silent auctions, as well as annual giving campaigns. Corporate partnerships with local businesses, especially in the pet industry, will provide sponsorships and in-kind support to offset program costs. Revenue-Generating Services: FBCA will continue leveraging adoption fees and sponsorships for animals fostered through the program. Partnerships with local veterinary clinics may include discounted services for non-program clients, with a portion of revenue directed to support ongoing spay/neuter initiatives. Financial Reserves and Sustainability: We will build reserve funds to address unexpected costs and explore establishing an endowment to generate long-term income dedicated to spay/neuter services. These measures ensure the program can continue uninterrupted, even in lean funding periods. Community and Agency Collaboration: By maintaining strong partnerships with local animal control agencies, shelters, rescue groups, and veterinary providers, FBCA will maximize resources, coordinate services, and maintain a sustainable, community-supported program that continues to reduce pet overpopulation in Baker, Bradford, and Union counties. Through this multi-faceted funding approach, FBCA is confident that the program will remain sustainable and continue providing critical spay/neuter services for years to come.

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.**

FBCA is committed to actively promoting the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate and integrating this effort into all

aspects of our outreach and community engagement. We recognize the license plate as a critical funding source for spay/neuter programs statewide, and we will leverage multiple channels to raise awareness and encourage purchases. Community Outreach and Education Informational Materials: We will distribute brochures, flyers, and posters explaining the benefits of the license plate at spay/neuter clinics, adoption events, veterinary offices, pet stores, and community centers. Materials will also be shared digitally through our website and email newsletters. Community Events: At adoption fairs, clinics, and local events, FBCA staff and volunteers will have informational booths to educate the public, answer questions, and encourage purchases of the license plate. Workshops and Presentations: Educational workshops community centers will include segments highlighting the license plate and its role in funding spay/neuter services. Social Media Posts: We will use Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to highlight success stories from our program, educate about the importance of spay/neuter, and provide links to purchase the license plate. Hashtags and Engagement: Targeted hashtags such as #FlaAnimalFriend, #SpayNeuterSaveLives, and #FloridaPets will broaden reach, while engagement campaigns will encourage shares and participation. Email Campaigns: License plate promotion will be incorporated into regular newsletters to supporters, including explanations of how funds directly support local spay/neuter efforts. Partnerships with Local Businesses and Veterinarians Promotional Displays: Veterinary clinics, pet stores, and other local businesses will display license plate materials and inform clients about the plate. Press Releases and Media Features: We will issue press releases and collaborate with local newspapers, TV, and radio outlets to highlight the license plate and share success stories from our program. Media segments will include clear calls-to-action to purchase the plate. Tracking and Documentation Measuring Impact: We will track inquiries, social media engagement, event participation, and license plate purchases resulting from our promotions. Documentation: All efforts—including event photos, materials, media coverage, and social posts—will be documented and submitted as part of our final grant report. Ongoing Promotion FBCA will make promotion of the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate a continual part of our outreach strategy, integrating it into annual campaigns, recurring social media posts, community events, and long-term partnerships with local businesses and media outlets. Through this comprehensive approach, FBCA will maximize awareness and participation in the Florida Animal Friend license plate program while demonstrating our ongoing commitment to spay/neuter initiatives across Baker, Union, Bradford, and Columbia counties.

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

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