

Grant ID: 2450

Title of Proposal: Spay & Neuter Saves Lives**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue**Website Address:** <https://justinbartletanimalrescue.org>**Person Submitting Proposal:** Janet P. Diamond**Position:** Director, Community Outreach**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** janet@justinbartlett.org**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 561-414-5437**Organization Head:** Peter J. Torres**Organization Head's Email:** peter.torres40@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** 10405 Southern Blvd**City:** Royal Palm Beach**State:** FL**Zip:** 33411**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 561-795-9999**County:** Palm Beach**Organization Head's Cell:** 561-248-8148

Agency Details

EIN:0%"> EIN: 454828513**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 04/23/2012**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$3,996.86**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$3,744,389.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 25 Part Time: 10**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?**

We have applied in other years and originally learned about the grant through the Animal Friends license plate campaigns

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:**

Years Funded: 2020,2024 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2018

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1822	2019	"Paw"Pulation Control	Denied
1894	2020	Affordable Spay and Neuter	Funded
2181	2024	Save Lives: Spay & Neuter	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
Peter J. Torres	Founder/CEO

Applicant Qualifications**For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:**

73 cats and 308 dogs were admitted.

54 cats and 287 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

0 cats and 1 dogs were euthanized.

617 cats and 1929 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.

Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue was founded in 2012 and Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital in 2015. Since then, every dog and cat that we rescue is sterilized prior to adoption. Our two low cost 501c3 hospitals have four veterinarians who perform surgeries including spay and neuters. The team of veterinarian technicians who assist the doctors in these surgeries are led by experienced Lead Techs who have pre and post operation experience as well. The hospital staff attend in house training on new equipment and practices as well as hands on experience. We have experience with spay and neuters in the field in underserved communities with our Mobile Mash Unit.

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

Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital has two location sone in Royal Palm Beach and the other in Greenacres. These low cost hospitals are open seven days a week and handle high volumes of sterilizations for pets in the surrounding communities. In 2025, ##### were sterilized at our hospitals. The costs for sterilization of both dogs and cats is lower the the county average and significantly lower than private practices. Since inception, spay & neuter is promoted at both hospitals and educating the public on the importance and potential risk factors on an unsterilized pet is explained. We have a large English and Spanish speaking clientele and bilingual veterinarians and staff work at both locations to best communicate importance of sterilization with our clients.

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

Cats: 617 Dogs: 1929

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.):

33415, 33463,33461

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

The targeted zip codes were part of the areas we serviced in 2023 with grant money from Florida Animal Friend. These areas are underserved and higher than average poverty rates. Using the \$10,000 we were granted in 2024, within 6 months the grant money was used, 167 animals sterilized, but there were many more dogs and cats unsterilized in these targeted locations. The need has gotten greater! The correlation between poverty and pet ownership is significant. The poverty rate in Palm Beach County is 12% and these areas are all above the county average, respectively 16%, 14% and 16%. Within these areas are mobile home parks, such as Casa Del Monte, Section 8 housing and soup kitchens. We are targeting mobile park areas in each of these zip codes because the poverty rate is even higher, there are many free roaming cats and dogs, and the communities are interested in caring for their pet and doing better. They often do not have the knowledge about spay & neuter or the finances. With rising household costs, loss of jobs, reduced incomes veterinary care for a pet is financially out of reach. Many living in these poverty areas have households headed by single females with children and often have a pet(s). The choice between feeding and caring for children is more important than sterilizing their pet. When speaking with families who live in these areas and have been recipients of the Florida Animal Friend grant we were awarded in the past, they do want to sterilize their pet, they do want a low cost veterinarian hospital to go to, they do not want their dog or cat to have litters; the families simply cannot afford to do so. These areas are without choices for low cost veterinary care, animals are allowed to roam the streets especially in mobile parks and allowing the pet to have at least one litter often is used as a source of income to make ends meet.

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?

In Palm Beach County, the primary source of low cost providers are Animal Care & Control, and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. For example, Peggy Adams offers free spay/neuter for pit bull type breeds. The information is available on line and in English only. Those in the targeted zip codes often do not know about Peggy Adams and that an appointment for free spay/neuter for pit bull type dogs is available only on line and with an English questionnaire to complete. Palm Beach Animal Care and Control offers low cost spay/neuter for county residents on public assistance or with pit bull type dogs. Proof of residency, proof of public assistance and appointments are required. This will help, but excludes non pit bull type dogs, families who do not have access to the Internet for this information, delays in getting appointments. Animal Care & Control is often sterilizing At Risk over 45lbs dogs or pit bulls, excluding many breeds.

Objectives

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

With Grant funds of \$25,000, the goal is to increase the number of spay/neuter of dogs and cats by 50% over the \$10,000 grant funding awarded in 2024. Dogs sterilized would increase from 97 in 2024 to 145 and cats sterilized would increase from 70 to 105. The grant funding will target previous grant funding zip codes where the need continues to be great. Funding was previously depleted in these targeted zip codes within 6 months. We have identified three low income mobile parks where we will specifically mobilize teams to educate pet owners about preventative care and provide handouts about the spay/neuter program. We will be able to schedule hospital appointments while in the field. We are known in these areas, we have been visible at holiday celebrations put on by the county parks, we have participated in their local parades, and our bilingual staff moves easily and comfortably explaining the seriousness of spay and neuter.

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

In 2025, Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital performed 1,929 sterilizations at our two hospitals. The spay/neuters included 1,312 dogs and 617 cats. The Florida Animal Friend Grant will reach 200 more pets to be spay/neuter an increase of 20%.

Methods

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

Eligibility criteria we will use as proof for the grant include any government documents, TCA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Housing info, SNAP, W2, Food Assistance or WIC.

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

We have been successful in advertising to the target audience. Our community outreach staff, which includes a retired teacher will visit schools in the targeted areas and use their resources to advertise the spay/neuter program which will include after school programs, parent groups and school clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs will be given the information also. Flyers will be posted at laundromats, Walmart, mobile home offices and with other rescue groups. We will use social media where we reach over 40,000 followers monthly and have volunteer assist in advertising. We will work with the city management teams with the targeted zip codes and the offices where services are offered to low income families. We host events in these targeted areas and the Spay/ Neuter program will be advertised at these events.

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

We have experienced bi-lingual staff who have gone into communities to hand out and post bi-lingual flyers, talk with small business staff, meet community center leaders for expanding posting, hand out hand out multi lingual flyers at local churches, parks where families gather, and we will continue this practice. Many of our veterinarian and rescue staff are bilingual with culturally diverse backgrounds, and they have experience going into neighborhoods to promote the Animal Friends Grant.

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

Eligible clients will transport their pets to one of the two Justin Bartlett Animal Hospitals, both located within the targeted area. In our targeted advertising campaign, especially in the mobile home parks identified, transportation on our Hospital shuttle may be provided as an exception.

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

The four in-house veterinarians and one per diem veterinarian have all participated in the Spay/Neuter grant from Florida Animal Friends. Three are bilingual and will communicate with the pet owners before and after surgery.

Are they: ☒ In-House Veterinarian ☐ Outside Clinic ☐ Combination

Participating veterinary practices if surgeries will not be performed in-house:**Fee Range**

What is the fee range to be paid for spay and neuter and what is the distribution to be paid by the client vs. the grant program?

Keep in mind that Florida Animal Friend grant funds may only be used for costs directly associated with sterilization surgery. This includes pain medication, ear tipping, and \$ 2 per animal for rabies vaccinations. Costs for licensing, testing, transport, etc. are not to be paid for with grant funds.

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$90.00
Range for Female Cats	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$90.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$140.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$140.00

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:

The above fees are at a discounted fee to the client

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 Care & Control	We continue to have an excellent relationship with Animal Care & Control in Palm Beach County and Clewiston. Monthly, we will provide bilingual flyers to both for display in their lobbies.
Dharma Bear Rescue	Dharma Bear Rescue owners have been supporters and promoters of Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue for more than 12 years. We host joint fundraisers to promote programs like the Animal Friends Spay & Neuter. Flyers are posted at their location to advertise events and programs. They bring adoptable dogs of ours to their gym to spend a day mingling with people and promote Adopt Don't Shop. They display RakCards on spay/neuter for us. They continue to foster dogs and have adopted four dogs and two cats from our rescue.
Great Dane Rescue	A non-profit animal rescue who continues to bring their rescued animals to us for spay/neuter and medical care. They have been clients for many years, promoted the Florida Animal Friends spay/neuter on our behalf with their clients and other rescue groups.
Horses and Hounds Foundation	The founders of Horses & Hounds Foundation have been supporters for close to ten years. They have promoted the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter program on our behalf and will continue to do so. They have raised funds by hosting events which allows us opportunities to speak about spay & neuter and The

Name	Level of Involvement
	Florida license plate program. They have also raised funds for animals in our care who require live saving surgeries.
Rosenthal, Levy, Simon & Sosa	This law firm has been a business partner and supporter for over six years. They have hosted fundraisers, fostered and adopted from our rescue, promoted the Florida license plate program, and given us opportunities to collaborate on rescue events,
Semper Fi-Service Dogs-No Vet Left Behind	For the past four years, we have transferred at no cost to this military organization puppies and dogs for training as a service dog. Once the training is complete, our rescue dog is assigned to a disabled veteran as a service dog.]. There have been many success both for the veteran and our dogs! We offer the veterans FREE or reduced costs at our hospitals. They will promote on their social media the Florida Animal spay/neuter and license plate program.
Yuppy Puppy Pet Salon	Yuppy Puppy Pet Salon is a terrific supporter of Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue and grooms at no cost all of our newly rescued dogs who have not been bathed, cared for due to neglect or living on the street. They will display the Florida Animal Friends information on their social media and in their store. They will be hands on involved with distributing flyers as another way to help the animals and promote the program.

Other Information

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

We have a large social media following, an active volunteer/foster/adopter groups and schools/universities who are involved in educating others on humane care of animals and spay/neuter. They are active in their communities, on their own social media and have helped Justin Bartlett promote the Florida Animal Friends grant in prior years, understand the reasons for spay/neuter and are active voices for the animals. At monthly Board meetings, the seven Board members will promote within their business communities and employees as well. We have a diverse and far reaching involvement into many communities that will allow us to achieve the set goals in the areas we have targeted for pet spay/neuter success.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 105 **Dogs:** 145

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.

The Pegasus Foundation and Adopt a Cat have supported our sterilization efforts and supported Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue with funding especially in the field. Fundraising efforts will include social media posts updating the status of the Animal Friends Grant and hosting events throughout the year. Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital will incur the costs not covered by the grant or client or other funders.

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

61

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

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.**

Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue has successfully worked with Foundations who financially help pet owners who cannot cover costs of medical/surgical needs for their pet. We have been able to use these funds for spay/neuter for financially disadvantage people so that the pet is not surrendered to the local shelter, unwanted litters are prevented, and the pet owners are educated about humane care of their animals. We also receive recurring monthly donations and from supporters who financially support spay/neuter.

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.**

Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue will publicize the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate on social media: FB, Instagram, TikTok, on our home web page, at monthly events with signage, at our signature events with signage, in our two hospitals and our rescue. We will contact the Town Crier newspaper for coverage, and discuss at monthly staff meetings.

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

10