

Grant ID: 2398

Title of Proposal: 2026 Critters Without Litters

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Operation Spay Bay, inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Operation Spay Bay,Inc

Website Address: Spaybay.com

Person Submitting Proposal: Jessica Bass

Position: General Manager

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: operationspaybay@gmail.com

Person Submitting Proposal Cell:

Organization Head: Jessica Bass

Organization Head's Email: Jhendrixosb@gmail.com

Organization Business Address: 3610 E 14TH ST.

City: Panama City

State: FL

Zip: 32404

Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 850-215-1022

County: Bay

Organization Head's Cell:

Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 45-2931723

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 08/09/2011

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/25 End: 12/31/25

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$3,029,076.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$2,688,554.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 29 Part Time: 2

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Previously awarded grants

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2017,2020,2022,2024 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015,2018

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1726	2017	Panama City Pet Cat Grant- Phase 2	Funded
1791	2018	FIX YOUR MOMMA 2018	Ineligible
1898	2020	Fix Big Momma	Funded
2081	2022	Community Cat Spayathon	Funded

2261	2024	TNR Bay County 2024	Funded
2398	2026	2026 Critters Without Litters	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 wellness clinic

List the current President of your nonprofit organization (Not required of governmental agency):

Name	Title
Mary Marie Clemo	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.

10066 cats and 3439 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.

Operation Spay Bay is a high-volume low-cost spay neuter clinic that has sterilized 120,000 cats and dogs over the last 12 years.

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

Operation Spay Bay is a high-volume low-cost spay neuter clinic.

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

Cats: 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.):

Bay County

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

Lack of affordable services coupled with rising living costs.

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?

Operation Spay Bay is a high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter/wellness clinic. We service a very large population and even with our low-cost pricing some residents still struggle with affordability. The grant will help close that gap.

Objectives

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

This grant will cover an additional 125 dogs and 167 cats. We will target the public in the low-income part of our county.

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

The addition of funds will enable pet owners who would otherwise delay or forgo sterilization due to cost to access services, generating demand beyond current levels.

Methods

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

The pet is owned and not in a rescue or shelter.

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

Social media. We will also work with our local county animal services department to inform us about request for help.

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

OSB has 2 transport vans. We have found that most people are desperate and grateful for the help. The word free goes a long way.

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

The public transports their own pets. OSB has 2 transport vans that can be used if needed.

Veterinary Services

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

OSB is a high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic that runs an already robust program.

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	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00

Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00

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 \$18.00
Other Vaccination if Due	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$18.00
Pain Medication*	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Parasite Medication	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$20.00
HW Testing	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$18.00
Feline Leuk/FIV	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$26.00
County License	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Ear tipping*	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Microchip	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☐ Yes \$16.00
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:

Dog spays/neuters are \$120 includes pain meds Cat spays/neuters are \$60 includes pain meds.

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
Bay County Animal Services	Assist with notifying community members of available spay/neuter appointments covered by the grant. They receive a large volume of inquiries for assistance.

Other Information

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

OSB constantly receives calls asking for help with getting public pets spayed/neutered. The program will operate as a public-access spay/neuter service for cats and dogs, designed to reduce pet overpopulation and improve community animal welfare at no cost to the clients.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 167 **Dogs:** 125

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$86.00

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

N/A

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:** 04/01/27

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.**

Grants and donations are continuously sought out to help defer the costs. We try to target the most vulnerable populations and work with our community to provide affordable access to care.

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.**

Social media posts, website link and press release to the local media groups. We have always encouraged our followers to purchase

the plate and we explain that some of those funds have come back directly to this community via previous grants.

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

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