

Grant ID: 2440

Title of Proposal: OCAS Spay and Neuter Vouchers**Agency Type:** Municipal**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Orange County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Orange County Animal Services**Website Address:** 2769 Conroy Rd**Person Submitting Proposal:** Katherine Martinez**Position:** Business Systems Analyst**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** katherine.martinez@ocfl.net**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** (407) 254-9146**Organization Head:** Diane Summers**Organization Head's Email:** diane.summers@ocfl.net**Organization Business Address:** 2769 Conroy Rd**City:** Orlando**State:** FL**Zip:** 32839**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** (407)254-9145**County:** Orange**Organization Head's Cell:**

Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 59-60000773**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:****Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 10/01/24 **End:** 09/30/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$441,417.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$15,829,728.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 104 Part Time: 13**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Previous grant recipient.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2020, 2022, 2024 Year(s) denied/incomplete:**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1906	2020	Orange County, FL Spay/Neuter Outreach	Funded
2064	2022	Orange County Animal Services Spay/Neuter Voucher Program Grant	Funded
2234	2024	Orange County Spay and Neuter Voucher Program	Funded
2440	2026	OCAS Spay and Neuter Vouchers	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):

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

8036 cats and 6403 dogs were admitted.

6763 cats and 5054 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

1012 cats and 1269 dogs were euthanized.

5063 cats and 2768 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.

These funds will go towards the spay and neuter voucher program for low-income families. Three partnering clinics are located throughout the local area for increased availability and convenience for pet owners.

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

The voucher program currently issues 75 dog and 50 cat vouchers at the beginning of each month. Qualifying pet owners must fall into the 200% of the Federal Poverty line. There are multiple clinics to choose from to receive services.

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

Cats: 674 Dogs: 809

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.):

Orange County

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

Many families in low-income areas face challenges affording sterilization services or do not prioritize having pets spayed/neutered. This results in unexpected litters who may be rehomed to friends, family members, or even neighbors facing the same challenges.

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?

Many of the private practice vets do not offer low-cost options for sterilization. While pet owners may be able to get affordable vaccinations or wellness visits, the surgeries can exceed personal resources.

Objectives

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

Grant funds will be issued to qualifying low-income residents for vouchers for partnering clinics. Residents can qualify for up to two pets per household per a calendar year. We plan to fund at least 120 dogs surgeries and 120 cat surgeries using grant funds. Due to rising clinic costs, this is fewer pets than previous years. Remainder of vouchers will be funded through the county's general fund. Long term we would ideally reduce intakes by reducing unexpected litters.

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

The shelter's clinic is unable to keep up with the demand of public surgeries due to focusing on shelter pets. Last year, 674 cat vouchers and 809 dog voucher applications were completed by residents in the county. Of those a total of 552 sterilization were completed by partnering clinics.

Methods

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

Applicants must be Orange County residents and have an income less than 200% of the federal poverty level or receive federal or state benefits.

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

Orange County Animal Services updates their website monthly when the voucher application portal is available. There is a direct link for the public to access there. Social media sites are also an effective way to raise awareness of the program.

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

Call center staff as well as shelter staff can assist residents who have difficulty completing the application. The three partnering clinics are located in opposite ends of the region for ease of access to the community.

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

At this time, we do not transport any animals for the voucher program.

Veterinary Services

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

For the last six years, there have been three clinics partnering to accept low-income vouchers.

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
Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando	12050 E. Colonial Dr	Orlando	FL	32826	407-351-7722	☐
Snip It Spay and Neuter Clinic	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	FL	34744	407-476-4748	☐
Spay N Save	988 N Ronald Reagan Blvd	Longwood	FL	32750	407-920-4894	☐

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	\$75.00	\$75.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

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 \$0.00
Rabies Vaccination if Due	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$0.00
Pain Medication*	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Parasite Medication	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$15.00
HW Testing	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☒ Yes \$20.00
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 \$0.00
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:

The clinic's prices vary for individual services. One clinic includes microchips at no additional cost.

Is this a voucher program? Yes

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

Vouchers are provided to qualifying residents who request them on a first come, first served basis each month. Applicants are unable to apply for future vouchers without claiming previously approved vouchers.

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

The program has been established for approximately six years. We periodically check with the clinics to see the waitlist for surgeries. Ideally, clients should be seen within a few months to avoid potential of unsterilized pets getting impregnated while waiting for surgery.

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

Yes.

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 Services Advisory Board	The Advisory Board members raise awareness in the community for pet owners to apply. Board Chair has also spoken to the County Commissioners in support of the organization's efforts.

Other Information

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

N/A

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 120 **Dogs:** 120

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$105.00

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

In addition to grant funding, Animal Services can utilize funds from the operational budget or trust fund.

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

75%

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: 10/01/26/ **Projected end date:** 06/30/27

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.**

Beyond grant funds, Animal Services will use general funding and donations to maintain the program.

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.**

Animal Services will proceed with a press release announcing the grant funds and encourage the public to purchase supporting license plates. Social media platforms will also be used for advertising the voucher program and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. The Animal Services website for vouchers also includes information promoting spay and neuter license plate.

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

Unknown