

Grant ID: 2443

Title of Proposal: TNVR, Fixing Cats saving lives**Agency Type:** Municipal**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Osceola County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Osceola County Animal Services**Website Address:** https://www.osceolacountypets.com/**Person Submitting Proposal:** La Shawn Robin**Position:** Grants Division Manager**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** lashawn.robin@osceola.org**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 407-742-1738**Organization Head:** Walter Krujaick**Organization Head's Email:** walter.krujaick2@osceola.org**Organization Business Address:** 3910 Old Canoe creek rd**City:** St. Cloud**State:** Florida**Zip:** 34769**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 407-742-8000**County:** Osceola**Organization Head's Cell:** 407-742-8000

Agency Details

EIN:0%"> EIN: 59-6000780**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:** \$97,032.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$4,889,576.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 37 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** The County have applied for this grant in the past**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2015,2017,2019,2021,2023 Year(s) denied/incomplete:**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1448	2015	Big K-9 spay/neuter for low income families	Funded
1698	2017	Friendly and Feral Community Cat program	Funded
1866	2019	Feral Felines and Community Cats	Funded

2009	2021	Smitten with Kittens	Funded
2130	2023	TNVR Cats Galore	Funded
2443	2026	TNVR, Fixing Cats saving lives	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:**

2927 cats and 2116 dogs were admitted.

2621 cats and 1628 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

308 cats and 531 dogs were euthanized.

1536 cats and 681 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.

Through our managed intake approach and programs such as Volunteer, Foster, Return-to-Home, Lost and Found Pets, Community Cats, and Behavior Counseling, we have significantly reduced euthanasia and increased the number of animals saved. Grants we have received over the years have been instrumental in helping us achieve these outcomes. We also maintain a strong partnership with the low-cost, high-volume spay/neuter clinic Snip it that our organization helped establish several years ago. Program oversight is provided by an experienced team, including our Administrative Assistant with over 25 years of service, a Program Supervisor with more than five years of experience in program development and grant implementation, and a Community Cat Program team who has supported program management for 5 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

We currently do not have the capacity to operate our own low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program. However, we work closely with and provide financial support to Snip It, a low-cost spay/neuter clinic that serves our community.

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

Cats: Dogs: 291

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.):	Osceola County
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Florida's warm climate extends the mating season for cats, contributing to increased reproduction rates. In addition, the growing human population has led to a rise in dog and cat populations, placing greater demand on the resources and services we provide.	
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? Snip It, our high-volume, low-cost clinic partner, has performed almost 60,000 surgeries since 2016. Since launching our Community Cat Program in 2021, we have increased the number of cats spayed and neutered each year, which has helped reduce feline euthanasia. However, rapid community growth continues to make it challenging to meet the increasing demand for services.	

Objectives

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

With these funds, we hope to exceed our current annual Community Cat Program goals and take a more proactive approach to TNVR rather than a reactive one. Cats will also be vaccinated against rabies, helping protect the health of both the community and its pets.

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

To increase cat sterilization surgeries, we plan to organize mass trapping efforts in areas with high community cat populations, such as mobile home parks and apartment complexes. With these funds, we aim to exceed our current spay/neuter numbers and focus on the most densely populated areas. This will also help extend our budget to support additional care that may be needed.

Methods

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

Cats eligible for these funds must be unowned and living outdoors. We work with community caregivers who feed and monitor the health of the cats in their care.

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

We will use all of our social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and our website as well as the local newspaper.

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

We have reliable transportation and strong support from local trappers and community members. Our Community Cat Program Coordinator is bilingual in Spanish and English. The team has completed multiple online and in-person trainings and has extensive experience communicating effectively to address cultural and situational challenges.

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

The Community Cat team transports cats in a temperature-controlled cargo van, with traps fully covered and laid flat on the floor. Traps are never left unattended, and all team members receive thorough training and support to ensure safe transport and overall safety.

Veterinary Services

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

I have a letter of support from SNiP it supporting the grant and have already reached out to relief veterinary services about TNVR.

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
Osceola County Animal Services	3910 Old Canoe creek rd	St. Cloud	Florida	34769	407-742-8015	☐
SNiP it Clinic of Central Florida	3096 Michigan Ave	Kissimmee	Florida	34744	407-476-4748	☒

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	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please check each item below to indicate additional services offered at the time of surgery, whether the client is required to pay for them, and if so what the fee is. For example, if an examination is required for surgery but is not charged to the client it would be marked: Required ☒ Yes, Fee to client ☒ No

	Required, Optional, or Not Offered	Fee to Client?
Examination	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Rabies Vaccination if Due	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Pain Medication*	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Parasite Medication	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
HW Testing	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Feline Leuk/FIV	☐ Required ☒ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
County License	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Ear tipping*	☒ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes
Microchip	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☐ Not Available	☐ No ☐ Yes
Other	☐ Required ☐ Optional ☒ Not Available	☒ No ☐ Yes

*** = REQUIRED by grant**

Grant funds cannot be used for the above services except for pain medication, ear tipping, and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

The services not covered by the grant will be paid from the animal services donation account or monies budgeted for the community cat program.

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
Local Trappers	Our community cat program staff working daily with citizens in our community who engage in TNVR. They assist with trapping, transporting, and releasing these animals.
Positively Osceola	This is a local media group that showcases events, projects, and activities occurring in Osceola County that may be of interest to local residents. They have been an excellent venue for us to showcase certain animals for adoption, success stories, etc.
SNiP it of Central Florida	This organization is a local non-profit that operates a high volume spay/neuter clinic. They operate from a county owned building and we support the clinic via licensing funds.
The St. Cloud Gazetts	This is a local newspaper that offers great deals and exposure for the animal shelter and helps promote programs that benefit the animals and community.

Other Information

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

Last fiscal year we were able to hire a second person to work on our community cat program. The addition of this person allows us to assist more people in areas of our county who are experiencing large numbers of cats. These funds will assist us in reaching areas of our community we have not been able to get to in past years.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 416 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$61.00

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

We use a portion of our pet licensing revenue to support the community cat program and TNVR efforts.

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

83%

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:** 08/30/27

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.**

We have recently contracted with Pet Data to help increase our return to home rate and licensing revenue. Our goal is to be able to generate more revenue we can use for program like TNVR. We will continue budget, solicit donations, and apply for grants to support these programs as well.

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.**

We will certainly use social media but also want to have a banner made this year that will be displayed near our front parking lot so passersby will see that we are grant recipients and make them aware of the need to purchased this specialized tag. Facebook posts, and websites will used to promote the program. We will also invite local media to help us promote as well.

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

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