

Grant ID: 2437

Title of Proposal: All The "Fixings" Community Cat Program**Agency Type:** Municipal**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Santa Rosa County Animal Services

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Santa Rosa County Animal Services**Website Address:** www.santarosa.fl.gov/animals**Person Submitting Proposal:** Tara Deaguilera**Position:** Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** tarad@santarosa.fl.gov**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 850-530-5128**Organization Head:** Randy Lambert**Organization Head's Email:** tarad@santarosa.fl.gov**Organization Business Address:** 4451 Pine Forest Rd Milton 32583**City:** Milton**State:** Florida**Zip:** 32570**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 850-983-4680**County:** Santa Rosa**Organization Head's Cell:** 850-417-1206

Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 59-6000842**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:** \$3,039,862.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$3,069,862.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 30 Part Time: 1**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Previous Recipient.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: Year(s) denied/incomplete:**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
55	2009	Santa Rosa Animal Friend	Denied
123	2010	A HELPING HAND FOR PAWS AND PURRS	Funded
301	2012	One Pet at a Time	Funded
1397	2014	BE A PET CHAMPION	Funded

1608	2007		Funded
1684	2016	Spay and Neuter Is A Lifesaver	Denied
1812	2018	Litter Free Is The Way To Be	Funded
1920	2020	SRC Community Cat Program	Funded
2038	2022	Spay Now or Pay Later	Funded
2195	2024	SRCAS Community Cat Days	Funded
2437	2026	All The "Fixings" Community Cat Program	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:

1871 cats and 1186 dogs were admitted.

1668 cats and 1081 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

121 cats and 124 dogs were euthanized.

0 cats and 0 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.

We have been successfully performing community cat surgeries throughout the past few years. We have it down to a streamlined system that is very efficient and maximizes surgery days for appointments. Our staff does a great job and we will continue to use the same tools that have worked previously.

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 do not currently have a specific low cost/no cost program other than our community cat days. This grant would allow us to continue to perform these surgeries and to add more animals to the totals we already do so that we can stop overpopulation.

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

Cats: 0 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.):	Santa Rosa County
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: We see so many cats that are left to fend for themselves. They are not altered and then end up having kittens. Noone cares for those kittens and then they grow up and have litters, and the cycle continues.	
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? We currently have a suitable amount of veterinary clinics. We do have 2 low cost clinics in the area, which is a big help. However, there are so many people who do not have the finances to bring in a neighborhood cat that does not belong to them. This is a problem we see on a regular basis. So many people are willing to do the physical labor of trapping but do not have the financial means to support these unowned pets.	

Objectives

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

For this grant, we would be able to provide 500 spay and neuters for community cats in our area. Each cat will be vaccinated, ear tipped, and returned to their area altered and healthier. This will allow these animals to remain in their areas while not adding to the overpopulation, as well as being protected against disease since they will be vaccinated.

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

Our funding changes from year to year depending on what type of medical cases we have and the animal population we have. This would allow us to set aside a dedicated amount for community cat days in addition to the normal surgeries we do. This has helped us to perform many surgeries, which will directly help with overpopulation. The surgeries we are able to perform with this grant will add to the existing surgeries we will be performing throughout the year.

Methods

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

The only requirements for this grant will be that the cat is a community cat without an owner, and that the citizen and the community cat both reside in our county. This makes the process simple and accessible to anyone who would like to help community cats in their neighborhood.

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

We will advertise the program primarily on our Facebook page. We currently utilize this as our main advertisement for our current community cat days, and it works very well. We will also advertise during our radio spots. In addition, we refer citizens to our program if anyone calls or ask questions about services while we are doing adoption events, animal control calls, etc.

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

We are available to address any cultural issues that arise and can always assist with any paperwork necessary for the program. Although we do not offer transportation, we work with citizens if they need someone else to pick up for them.

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

The animals will be brought in by the citizens of the community. We do have officers available to assist as needed with any particular citizens they encounter in the field that need help. While we like the idea of citizens participating by bringing them in, we know some citizens may not have the means to do so. We want them to be able to receive the same opportunities to utilize our community cat spay/neuter programs as well.

Veterinary Services

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

We have just hired a full-time veterinarian for our office. He will be doing the surgeries. We feel that he will be able to perform all of the surgeries for this grant. Our entire staff is excited to be able to continue performing these life saving surgeries for our community.

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	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
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 grant will be used to cover the bulk of the surgery cost. Our organization will pay for the remainder in addition to the brief exam, vaccinations, ear tip, and flea prevention.

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
A Hope: Snip Happens	A Hope is a wonderful non profit animal welfare group in our community. Snip Happens has recently opened their low cost clinic in our county. We remain dedicated to working with all of our local partners to provide assistance to our community. Snip Happens provides services to owned animals as well. We refer citizens to them and vice versa, depending on the needs of that citizen. We also share information so that each group is helping the other to get their message out there.
Friends of Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter	Friends Of Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter is also providing low cost spay neuters on a much smaller basis in partnership with a local low cost clinic. If we have any citizens with owned cats who do not qualify for our services, we will refer them over so that they can potentially get assistance. They are also sharing our information with their base so that we can make sure the citizens who need this assistance will be aware of this services.

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 been fortunate to receive this grant in the past, and it allows us to make a huge impact in the community. Our staff is dedicated and well versed in this program, and we have confidence that we will be able to utilize any funds received to continue this mission. This funding has allowed us to further our services to our county with each award. Showing the need in our community, we have continued to add more surgeries so that this is an ongoing program. The grant funding will be used to continue this life saving program and help to lower the number of community cats that are adding to our pet overpopulation. The genuine appreciation from our citizens and their dedication to come any time we have a surgery day shows how important and needed these services are.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 500 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

We do not have a specific allocation for community cat surgeries, but we have integrated it into part of the services that we are providing for services as we are able to. We continue to also apply for additional funding and grants that allow us to have more funding for surgeries, more staffing, and inventory to perform these important surgeries.

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:** 07/31/26**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.**

Our organization will continue to provide these lifesaving services for the community. We will continue to apply for grants as well as encouraging donations to our Partners For Pets program, which is allotted for direct care of animals to include spay/neuter services. The grant allows us to do many more surgeries than we otherwise could do, but we will continue the community cat spay/neuter surgeries under the direct funding of the shelter. Our organization will continue to advocate for funding from our government as well, since these surgeries are so important to the community to tackle the overpopulation issue. As our county grows rapidly, we see the animal population grow with this speed as well. We recognize this is one of the most important things we can do for our community.

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 plan to continue to promote the Spay/Neuter license plate via our website. We also heavily rely on our Facebook page and will be promoting there as well. We also discuss this on radio spots and interviews, as well as having information readily available in our lobby. The more people that are aware of where the funds go to, the more people that will be willing to support this fantastic program.

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

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