

Grant ID: 2493

**Title of Proposal:** Brevard County TNR via SCFN**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$24,000.00**Check Payable To:** Space Coast Feline Network

## Application Information

## Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Space Coast Feline Network**Website Address:** www.spacecoastfeline.com**Person Submitting Proposal:** Mona Motz**Position:** Chairperson**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** monamotz@yahoo.com**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 321-544-1002**Organization Head:** Johnathan Critchfield**Organization Head's Email:** jpcritch1980@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** P.O. Box 624**City:** Cocoa**State:** FL**Zip:** 32923**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 321-345-8262**County:** Brevard**Organization Head's Cell:** 321-507-9307

## Agency Details

**EIN:0% "> EIN:** 59-3463890**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 05/02/2002**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$113,531.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$103,688.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**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: 2007 Year(s) denied/incomplete:**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

| Grant # | Proposal Year | Proposal Title              | Status |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1565    | 2006          |                             | Denied |
| 1566    | 2007          |                             | Funded |
| 2493    | 2026          | Brevard County TNR via SCFN | 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       |
|-----------|-------------|
| Johnathan | Critchfield |

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

**57 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.**

**40 cats and 0 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

**5 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.**

**499 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.**

The volunteers on the administrative team for the Space Coast Feline Network (SCFN) have 27 years' experience in managing SCFN's highly successful TNR program and spay/neuter clinics. SCFN has its roots at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) where it was established in 1995 as the Space Cats Club. After previous trap and kill programs implemented by KSC property management teams had failed to control the feral cat population, a group of motivated KSC employees initiated a grass-roots, TNR program. By the end of that same year, the volunteers had significantly reduced the number of feral cats at multiple complexes across KSC. In 1999, the organization expanded its work by launching a TNR and colony management program throughout Brevard County and adopting its new name, SCFN. To date, SCFN has facilitated the sterilization of more than 13,520 cats by organizing and through the operation its of spay/neuter clinics. To date, SCFN has facilitated the sterilization of more than 13,520 cats through the organization and operation of its spay/neuter clinics. The dedicated group of volunteers who have made this possible have contributed their expertise and experience and demonstrated a long-term commitment to the needs of the community. The lead veterinarian and certified veterinary technician have been part of the program for more than 20 years, reflecting their loyalty and deep belief in the mission of SCFN's vital spay/neuter clinic program. Drawing on its extensive experience and specialized knowledge, SCFN is uniquely positioned to put grant funding to immediate and effective use in support of its TNR initiatives.

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

SCFN operates a well-established and effective TNR clinic system. Cat owners or caretakers can reach us via our website, helpline, Facebook Messenger, email, and at local events where tables are staffed by volunteers who are ready to help. Through each of these contact options, clients can easily schedule their cats for the care they need at our low-cost clinics. SCFN's efficient, low-cost clinics are staffed by up to two veterinarians and a certified veterinary technician supported by two shifts of dedicated volunteers. Our team ensures clients receive clear post-surgery instructions and provides cats with additional medical needs with prompt care through our extensive network of veterinarians and volunteers. To support volunteers during the long hours of our work, we provide meals and snacks throughout the day. In addition to the TNR clinics, SCFN has collaborated with local veterinary clinics throughout Brevard County to provide TNR surgeries for a number of cats per week.

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

**Cats: 484 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.):**

Brevard County covers an area of approximately 1,500 square miles and encompasses the following cities: Grant-Valkaria, Palm Bay, Melbourne, Viera, Rockledge, Merritt Island, Cocoa, Titusville, Mims, Scottsmeer.

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

The highest rates of dog and cat overpopulation in Brevard County are often found in lower-income areas such as mobile home communities, apartment complexes, older neighborhoods, and government-subsidized housing areas. Limited access to affordable spay/neuter services in these areas is a major contributing factor to overpopulation of stray animals.

**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?**

Two low-cost spay/neuter clinics are located in Brevard County: the Brevard Humane Society Clinic in Cocoa, which experiences up to four months of wait time for surgery appointments, and the Brevard Spay Neuter Clinic in Palm Bay. Brevard County spans more than 70 miles in length, making transportation a significant challenge. For example, a round-trip transport from Titusville at the northern end can range from 40 miles to Cocoa, and to 60-70 miles to Palm Bay. This travel can be especially difficult for low-income families with single vehicles, and limited budgets, creating financial and logistical limitations. To help offset these challenges, SCFN volunteers offer transportation for trap drop-offs and clinic appointments, reducing time and cost for clients and streamlining organization operations.

## Objectives

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

SCFN will use the funds to cover 400 sterilizations at TNR clinics, which we plan to hold at least every other month, scheduling 70-100 cats at each clinic. With an estimated 60% successful trap rate, each clinic would sterilize 40-60 cats.

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

This program increases the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline by removing financial barriers for caregivers who cannot afford even modest contributions toward spay/neuter costs. By providing low-cost, fully subsidized surgeries, the program enables more cats to be scheduled for clinics than would otherwise be possible. SCFN's established outreach, volunteer support, and transportation assistance ensure that cats from under-resourced communities are able to be brought to clinics.

## Methods

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

Eligibility for the program extends to any free-roaming, unaltered community cats in Brevard County, particularly those in areas with a high population of unsterilized animals. Additional considerations include the cat's health and age to ensure it is a suitable candidate for surgery.

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

SCFN will advertise the program through multiple channels to reach our target audience. Resources include social media, local radio stations, personal referrals, brochures at veterinary offices, and outreach at community events such as local art fairs. All materials prominently feature our mailing address, website, helpline number, email address, and offer direct messaging options. When

caregivers contact us, our staff explains the scheduling process and provides guidance on participation. This grant will enable us to schedule cats for those caregivers who cannot afford to donate, ensuring cost is not a barrier to accessing professional spay/neuter services.

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

SCFN removes barriers to participation by providing transportation for caregivers who otherwise cannot bring cats to clinics and by offering personalized support for those facing literacy, language or cultural challenges. Our experienced volunteers, who are deeply familiar with the local community and its unique needs, collaborate extensively to ensure all eligible cats receive sterilization and to maximize the program's reach and effectiveness. For example, they coordinate and conduct trap drop-offs and pick-ups, train caregivers on trapping best practices, and share knowledge about local colonies and caregiver needs, assist one another during setup and surgeries, communicate with caregivers to provide guidance on post-surgery care.

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

The caregivers and/or volunteers are required to complete a "Feral Cat Admittance Criteria and Release Form " when they transport cats to the clinic. For safety reasons, cats are always transported in traps, not carriers. The enclosures are draped to aid in calming the cats, which are quietly transported by caregivers and/or volunteers in SUVs or similar vehicles. Volunteers are trained in the handling of feral cats in traps and are required sign a release of liability form.

## Veterinary Services

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

Our lead veterinarian, Dr. Mauren Burton, D.V.M., who has assisted SCFN for the past 20+ years of clinics, has agreed to continue performing surgeries at our regular Spay/Neuter Clinics in Brevard County. Dr. Beth Ferris has also volunteered to assist with our TNR clinics.

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                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dr. Beth Ferris    | 1761 S. Patrick Drive   | Indian Harbour Beach | FL    | 32937 | 321-773-3111 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dr. Maureen Burton | 783 Piedmont-Wekiwa Rd. | Apopka               | FL    | 32703 | 407-880-7387 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

#### 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   | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$60.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$60.00"/> |
| Range for Female Cats | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$60.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$60.00"/> |
| Range for Male Dogs   | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  |
| Range for Female Dogs | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/> | <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>  | <input type="text" value="\$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:**

Caregivers can purchase FELV/FIV testing and/or microchips at SCFN cost. The costs for other required medications for wound infections and upper respiratory infections plus any additional services are paid by the caregiver at the veterinarian's price.

**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                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BASE (Brevard Animal Services and Enforcement) | BASE (Brevard Animal Services and Enforcement) will allow the use of their clinic to host SCFN TNR clinics (south Brevard County - Melbourne) |
| Brevard Humane Society (Cocoa)                 | Brevard Humane Society (Cocoa) allows 24 weekday low-cost surgery appointments per month.                                                     |
| Brevard Spay Neuter Clinic (Palm Bay)          | Brevard Spay Neuter Clinic (Palm Bay) allows unlimited low-cost surgery appointments during the business week.                                |
| Clearlake Animal Hospital (Cocoa)              | Clearlake Animal Hospital (Cocoa) performs three weekday low-cost surgeries.                                                                  |
| Five Friends Animal Rescue                     | Five Friends Animal Rescue will accept adoptable kittens / juveniles / adults found during trapping                                           |

| Name                                  | Level of Involvement                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Melbourne Animal Hospital (Melbourne) | Melbourne Animal Hospital (Melbourne) will assist with ten weekday low-cost surgery appointments per month and up to eight every other Saturday. |
| The Kitten Angel Rescue               | The Kitten Angel Rescue will accept neonates found/born during trapping                                                                          |
| The SPCA of North Brevard             | The SPCA of North Brevard will allow the use of its clinic to host SCFN TNR clinics (north Brevard County - Titusville)                          |
| The SPCA of North Brevard             | The SPCA of North Brevard will accept adoptable kittens / juveniles / adults found during trapping                                               |

## Other Information

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

Since its inception as Space Cats Club in 1995, SCFN has remained at the forefront of grassroots TNR in Brevard County. To support our mission, our team was directly involved with Brevard Animal Services and Enforcement (BASE) to change the county ordinance to allow TNR. In 1999, we also established feral cat clinics in the county to drastically increase the number of sterilized cats living in healthy colonies. Over the years, foster volunteers at multiple rescues throughout Brevard have observed a substantial decline in the number of feral kittens born each year in January and February, delaying the annual start of "kitten season" to April and May and thereby reducing the overall number of feral kittens born in the area. For 25+ years, SCFN's dedicated team of experienced trappers, transporters, and trained clinic volunteers have coordinated TNR clinics in Brevard County. The majority of the SCFN board members are also trappers, foster care providers, and clinic volunteers. We manage an ongoing waiting list for caregivers who can not pay any portion of the donation fee for the sterilization. We are very confident we will reach our goal of providing 400 additional sterilizations of cats in the target group. We are fortunate to have the support of SPCA of North Brevard and the Brevard County Shelter in south Brevard, as we are permitted to use their facilities for our clinics.

## Budget

### **Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 400 **Dogs:** 0

**Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000):** \$24,000.00

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$60.00

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

Our budget includes escrowed funds for clinics totaling \$37k which SCFN expects to spend during Spring/Summer 2026. Also SCFN allocates an allowance for clinic supplies. The SCFN clinics include some items which are not covered by the FAF grant, as listed below.

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

90%

**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:** 08/31/27

### **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.**

In addition to the donations from caregivers toward the cost of TNR surgeries, SCFN will fundraise for each clinic primarily via social media, which establishes awareness in the community and can generate additional volunteer involvement.

## 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.**

SCFN's website [www.spacecoastfeline.com](http://www.spacecoastfeline.com) will carry an advertisement for the Florida Animal Friend license plate, and our publicity will recognize the assistance received from the Florida Animal Friend license plate grant. When fees are explained to the caregiver, full recognition will be given to the Florida Animal Friend license plate grant through acknowledgements such as: "With funds received from the Florida Animal Friend License Plate program, SCFN is able to increase spay and neuter services."

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

4