

Grant ID: 2432

Title of Proposal: Whisker Town Cats Project 2026**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Whisker Town Cats

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Whisker Town Cats**Website Address:****Person Submitting Proposal:** Karen Brown**Position:** President**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** whiskertowncats@gmail.com**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:****Organization Head:** Karen Brown**Organization Head's Email:** whiskertowncats@gmail.com**Organization Business Address:** 4701 Old Canoe Creek Rd, PO BOX 702389**City:** St Cloud**State:** Saint Cloud**Zip:** 34769**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 407-861-6085**County:** Osceola**Organization Head's Cell:** 407-861-6085

Agency Details

EIN:0% "> EIN: 85-1080150**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 05/26/2020**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/25 **End:** 12/31/25**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$0.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Care Feline TNR**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 0 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 1**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
2355	2025	Whisker Town Cats Project 2025	Denied (not completed)
2432	2026	Whisker Town Cats Project 2026	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:

550 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

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

4 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

776 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.

Currently Whisker Town Cats TNR's hundreds of cats yearly. Additionally, we take in hundreds of newborn kittens up to adults yearly and work to get them sterilized and adopted. We stand behind the mission to sterilize every single cat before we adopt them out. There will never be an instance where we do adoption contracts to spay the animals later, we want everything done prior to adoption. TNR is a big focus for our group as we want to reduce the population of free roaming cats so we reduce what is brought into our rescue needing adopted out. With this approach, and targeted area sterilization we can see a reduction in the number of cats in our area already.

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

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.):

Osceola County

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

Poverty levels in Osceola County continue to rise beyond the state poverty levels. Due to this issue we believe that most people living in Osceola County cannot afford to fix their outdoor, free roaming cats. We believe with this Florida Animal Friend we will be able to assist many of individuals in the area to TNR their outdoor cats.

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?

Osceola County Animal Services currently offers Trap-Neuter-Return services to the community, but they do not have the resources to respond to all of the calls. Presently, without our consent, they have been 'passing off' individuals to our organization to assist with TNR efforts though we are limited in funding to assist. Beyond ourselves and Animal Services there are no other programs that we are aware of to assist with community cats in Osceola County. We directly correlate this to a lack of veterinarians in our area along with funding constraints.

Objectives

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

We plan to TNR 500 cats. This number reflects 500 cats at \$50 per surgery.

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

Whisker Town Cats will continue to TNR approximately 250 cats per year, even if we are not funded with this year's Florida Animal Friend Grant. We are hopeful that receiving the grant will allow us to TNR 500 cats this year, increasing our output by double.

Methods

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

Free roaming, un-owned-community cats.

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

We will advertise via our Social Media Channels and by word-of-mouth. We also attend community events promoting TNVR.

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

Our volunteers are already well established in the community to address transportation. Many of our volunteers are multi-lingual which allows us to curtail the cultural hurdles. With our program illiteracy is not a factor as our volunteers are doing most of the work.

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

Most of the cats will be transported to the clinics by our vast population of volunteers throughout Osceola County.

Veterinary Services

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

Currently CARE Feline TNR, Inc is given 120 TNR appointments monthly at a partner clinic, Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando Alafaya. At this clinic they charge \$50 per cat which includes the surgery, rabies vaccinations, FVRCP, ear tip and pain management.

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:

This program will be \$50 per cat for TNR that will require surgery, ear tip, rabies vaccination, FVRCP vaccination, pain medicine. Microchip and Parasite medication is an optional add on for an expense to the client.

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
Care Felne TNR Inc	CARE is the leader in TNR in the Central Florida Region. They've committed to allowing us to utilize their TNR appointments at Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando Alafaya to make this grant a success.
Dexters Kitties, Inc	We collaborate trapping efforts in overlapping areas to continue to reduce the stray cat population.
Osceola County Animal Services	We have been working with Osceola County Animal Services for 9 years and continue to have a strong partnership. With our partnership we do help their current TNR Program by also doing the same within Osceola County.

Other Information

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

Whisker Town Cats is a Central Florida based cat rescue focusing on reducing the population of community cats through education and action. We actively participate in TNR every week. We are 100% volunteer-run, and have 15+ dedicated and experienced TNR volunteers who work together to reduce the community cat population in our community. Our volunteers also offer guidance to the general public on how to TNR community cats in their area and offer as much assistance so we can build lasting relationships to continue our goal. If we get requests for help with community cats outside of our geographic zone, we provide contact information on other organizations that also provide TNR services specific to their area.

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.

Presently we operate off from adoption fees and donations from the public. We utilize these funds now to assist with TNR efforts, and will continue to do so.

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:** 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.**

We continue to pursue grant funding throughout our community. Our rescue has been going strong for 5 years and can show a very strong balance sheet to corroborate this. We plan to receive public funding along with using some of our adoption fees to TNR cats in the Osceola County area.

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.**

Whisker Town Cats will add Florida Animal Friend signage to our signatures in our email along with promoting the Florida Animal Friend program on our Social Media Channels. We will also encourage all of our Board Members and volunteers to get the license plate.

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

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