

Grant ID: 184

Title of Proposal: Targeted Spay/Neuter Program

Agency Type: Municipal

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Manatee County Animal Services

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Person Submitting Proposal: Kristopher J. Weiskopf

Position: Chief

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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 10/01/08 **End:** 09/30/09

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$413,848.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,501,858.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 23 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 10

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 60.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Florida Animal Control Association

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 0

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- Unlimited Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control

Organization Structure:

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- Other

- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

List your current board of directors:

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

3276 cats and 2997 dogs were admitted.

108 cats and 284 dogs were adopted.

2434 cats and 1302 dogs were euthanized.

100 cats and 275 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

Manatee County Animal Services is a municipal, open admission shelter. Animals impounded at the shelter are held for a designated period of time to allow time for the owner to claim them. After the impoundment time, disposition is made for adoption, transfer to an animal welfare organization or euthanasia. All dogs and cats for adoption are sterilized prior to leaving the shelter. We have a no cost spay/neuter program providing for free sterilization surgery for the pets of income qualified pet owners.

If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption?

Yes

If not all, what percentage of animals are not currently sterilized before adoption?

If not all, how are animals selected for sterilization before adoption?

If not all, describe your sterilization policies and procedures for assuring sterilization after adoption:

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 ability to carry out this program.

We have adopted a strategic plan for the creation of a humane community wherein no adoptable dog or cat will be euthanized within Manatee County. This plan is a coordinated effort within our three primary animal shelters and community support. While our current spay/neuter program targets low income families, it is our desire to target animal specific areas. We need to target pit bull dogs, feral and free roaming cats as well. The Chief of the division has 12 years of current experience as the Chief and 5 years prior experience with the Sheriff's Office and animal control.

If you currently have a program for sterilization of cats and/or dogs, describe your current level of funding and productivity and why additional resources are needed?

Manatee County currently provides no cost sterilization surgery for dogs and cats of income qualified pet owners. Our funding for this program allows nearly 1100 surgeries per year, pending budget shortfalls in upcoming years. The additional funding request in this application will permit 200 pit bull sterilization surgeries and 325 feral and free roaming cat sterilization surgeries, targeting these specific animal groups. The surgeries will be performed at no cost to the pet owner/caregiver.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Manatee County
Total human population in target area:	317,805
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	10.9

Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	96305
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	79452
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	52968
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3276
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2997
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2434
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1302
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. The number of feral and free roaming cats is above average due to beach front, transient population and high level of abandonment.	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Substantial sources are feral/free roaming cats and their offspring, fighting and breeding of pit bull dogs, both due to economic and cultural factors and pets owned by low income residents.	
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? With our no cost spay/neuter program, feral/free roaming cats are not included. We use a mobile clinic four times a month and they are limited in their capacity and the size of dog. With this grant approval, we will use the clinic operated by the Humane Society of Manatee County, will not be restricted by size of dog and will be able to sterilize feral/free roaming cats.	
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 of the spay/neuter project proposed for this grant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input type="checkbox"/> Especially difficult or unique animal overpopulation sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pit bull dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feral cats <input type="checkbox"/> Special spay/neuter event <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Objectives

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

Perform sterilization of 325 feral/free roaming cats and 200 pit bull/pit bull mix dogs.

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

No targeted program for sterilization surgery would be in effect in Manatee County without this grant approval. The only program currently is for pets of income qualified dog and cat owners. Feral and free roaming cats are not part of the current program.

Methods

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

Feral/free roaming cats will be brought to the HSMC clinic by respected cat trappers and caregivers. Pit bulls and mixes will be identified by staff.

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

The feral/free roaming cat areas are covered by two well known groups of volunteers and advertising will not be necessary for outreach. Outreach for owners of pit bulls and mixes will be done by flyers and other media outlets in both English and Spanish.

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

Feral/free roaming cats will be transported by the perspective volunteer cat caregivers. Pit bull and mix owners will be responsible for their own transportation, but if it becomes a transportation issue, animal welfare organizations including the Humane Society of Manatee County and Animal Network, will assist. Flyers and other means of advertisement are available in both English and Spanish.

Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe the vehicles, methods for confinement, personnel training, liability releases used to assure the safety of the animals and handlers.

There is no transportation of animals required other than by the owner or caregiver. The animals are brought to the HSMC clinic, surgery performed and the animals reclaimed at the end of the day by their perspective owner/caregiver.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

We will use the fully staffed veterinary clinic at the Humane Society of Manatee County. They will perform grant approved surgeries for \$60 for Pit bull and mixes and \$40 for feral/free roaming cats.

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Humane Society of Manatee County	2515 - 14 Street West	Bradenton	FL	34205	941-747-8808	<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 (including anesthesia and pain control) and not for other items such as vaccines, testing, licensing, and capital

purchases.

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00

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	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabbies Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Licensing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
Ear tipping	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

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

The county required license certificate and tag are \$10.00 and the responsibility of the client to pay. This will apply to pit bull and mixes only.

Is this a voucher program? If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

no

Other Information

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

With the assistance of the Humane Society and other volunteer animal welfare organizations, we will be able to have the greatest impact for the least amount of money.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 325 Dogs: 200

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$48.00

Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for:

None

Timeline

All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding. Any unexpended funds must be refunded to Florida Animal Friend within 30 days of the end of the project. Requests for time extensions must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end of the project. Funding for accepted projects will

be available after August 1, 2009.

Projected start date: 08/01/10/ **Projected end date:** 07/31/11

Future Funding

Explain how the organization plans to fund this program in the future. Having plans beyond "seeking funds from other funders" enhances the chances of receiving this grant.

If this program proves successful, we can petition our Board of County Commissioners to continue with this program. We have increased our revenue over the past years and have a chance to use this increased revenue for the benefit of the animals.

Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate

Applicants selected for funding are expected to publicize their grant in support of their spay/neuter program via press releases, newsletters, website links, etc. In addition, they are expected to promote the sales of license plates so that additional spay/neuter grants can be funded. Please describe your plan to promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate.

We have always received praise and welcome from our local media sources, by way of newspaper, television and internet. We will promote the license plate program through these outlets and include Manatee Educational Television, Manatee Government Access Television and our Manatee County web site by providing updates to our progress while promoting the advantages and significance of purchasing the spay and neuter license plate.