

Grant ID: 162

Title of Proposal: low-income spay/neuter
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$20,000.00
Check Payable To: Suwannee County Animal Control

Application Information

Demographics

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| Name of Applicant Agency: Suwannee County Animal Control Governing Board, Inc | Website Address: suwanneecountyanimalshelter.com |
| Person Submitting Proposal: Rebecca Baldree | Position: President/Secretary |
| Organization Business Address: 11150 144th Street | City: McAlpin |
| State: Florida | Zip: 32062 |
| Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 386-208-0072 | Fax: 386-208-0799 |
| Cell: 386-688-9076 | Email Address: suwanneecountyanimalshelter@yahoo.com |

Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/09 **End:** 12/31/09

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$39,386.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$42,966.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 2 Part Time: 1

Number of Active Volunteers: 20

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 20.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? We received a grant from you in 2008.

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 2008

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- Unlimited Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

Organization Structure:

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

List your current board of directors:

| Name | Title | Phone | Occupation | Email |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Janis Hunter | Director | 386-208-5348 | Animal Control Officer | |
| Joseph Brown | Treasurer | 386-842-2481 | Animal Control officer | |
| Laura Brown | Director | 386-364-4830 | housewife | |
| Lori Miller | Director | 386-776-1864 | Ranch Owner | |
| Rebecca Baldree | President/Secretary | 386-364-1860 | Retired | r_baldree@hotmail.com |
| Wayne Hunter | Director | 386-208-5348 | Animal Control Officer | |

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

500 cats and 900 dogs were admitted.

75 cats and 100 dogs were adopted.

300 cats and 360 dogs were euthanized.

260 cats and 241 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

We spay/neuter all pets before adoption. Also we have continued in a small way spaying/neutering low income animals. This is very limited due to the economy and lack of sponsors.

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.

this will be our second Grant from Florida Animal Friends. I think that we proved with the first one that we can carry out the program. Rebecca Baldree was in charge of the last Grant and will be in charge of this one also. She has years of experience in office management and has been on the board of directors since our inception in 2002. She will have volunteers helping her also.

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?

Our current funding is minimal. We depend on fund raisers and local contributors for the spay/neuter program and it has been down due to the economy. We still manage to do a few but a Grant would enable us to help more people and this county really needs the help. We still get calls from people, even though our Grant money ran out last June, wanting us to help them. We can only help a few of these people and we try to pick out the neediest.

Target Population

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| Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.): | Live Oak, Suwannee, Florida |
| Total human population in target area: | 34,844 |
| Percent of residents living below poverty in target area: | 19% |
| Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3): | 10559 |
| Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0): | 8711 |
| Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0): | 5808 |

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| Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 500 |
| Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 900 |
| Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 300 |
| Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known) | 360 |
| Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. Suwannee County is a poor agricultural county and has many low-income families that want to do the right thing but cannot afford the high vet bills. | |
| Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Dogs and cats are allowed to run free due to a "Good Old Boy" mentality that so many of our population was raised with. We need to make sure that these animals do not reproduce. | |
| 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? There are currently no spay/neuter services in this county other than vets. The closest clinic is in an adjoining county. | |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> Pit bull dogs <input 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)?

We managed to spay/neuter approximately 326 pets with our last Grant from Florida Animal Friends. We hope to do at least that well if not better.

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

It increases the number of animals that we can spay/neuter because of the extra funds. With our funds for spay/neutering going mainly to cover the cost of adopted animals we are limited in how many more we can do. Our goal is to be able to help anyone that asks for help in doing the right thing and spaying/neutering their pets.

Methods

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

We use a voucher system. Anyone applying for money has to show proof that their income is below \$40,000 or that they are on SSI or another government subsidy.

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

First of all we will advertise in our newspaper. This paper covers not only our county but several other surrounding counties. We've always used local radio stations to let people know about our Grants also. We also set up booths at our fundraisers where people can

come and pick up vouchers or receive help in filling them out.

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

Transportation hasn't been a problem as yet because most people have their own transportation. Our county has many hispanic people and if we have difficulty in talking to them we have several people working for the Sheriff's Office that can help us that are bilingual.

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.

No, it does not.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

We have signed agreements with 7 local veterinarians to give us discounts

Veterinary Practices

| Practice Name | Address | City | State | Zip | Phone | Lead Practice |
|---|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Addison Animal Hospital | CR 252B | Lake City | Florida | 32025 | 386-752-7200 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All Springs Veterinary Hospital | 12229 CR 137 | Wellborn | Florida | 32094 | 386-963-2411 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Companion Animal Hospital | 605 N Houston Avenue | Live Oak | Florida | 32064 | 386-362-1556 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Huston veterinary Clinic | PO Box 1526 | Jasper | Florida | 32052 | 386-792-3134 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Live Oak Animal Clinic of Suwannee County, Inc. | 11786 Bass Road | Live Oak | Florida | 32060 | 386-362-2614 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mayo Town & County Animal Hospital | 974 E. Main Street | Mayo | Florida | 32066 | 386-294-5000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Suwannee Oaks Animal Clinic, Inc | 25670 SR 247 | O'Brien | Florida | 32071 | 386-935-2112 | <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 | \$20.00 | \$30.00 | \$50.00 |
| Range for Female Cats | \$30.00 | \$40.00 | \$70.00 |
| Range for Male Dogs | \$30.00 | \$40.00 | \$70.00 |
| Range for Female Dogs | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |

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
 Examination Required Optional Not Available
 Fee to Client? No Yes

Rabbies 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

Testing Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Licensing Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Ear tipping Required Optional Not Available No Yes

Other Required Optional Not Available No Yes

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

Most vets require rabies shots be up to date and the average cost is \$15

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

Yes, this is a voucher program. The vet will not do the surgery unless they are given a voucher signed by the shelter

Other Information

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

We are devoted to bringing down the animal population here in Suwannee County. Since our inception we have strived to not only spay/neuter as many low-income family pets as we can but we also go to the schools and local organizations and talk to them about the care and spaying/neutering of their pets. Whenever we have a fundraiser there is always a booth devoted to passing out pamphlets and giving out information regarding the proper way to care for your pet. If we receive this grant it will be our second one from you and we also received one from PetSmart Charities several years ago and I think we have proven that we can make a difference. We are currently expanding our facilities and when finished our capacity will be doubled, as well as a offering in-house spay/neuter clinic

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 150 **Dogs:** 185

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$20,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$60.00

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

The Grant money will be used only for spaying/neutering. The only cost other than the surgery will be for checks. It will be run strictly by volunteers and there will be no other cost.

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: 08/15/10/ **Projected end date:** 08/15/11

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.

We have several contributors that donate money each year for spaying/neutering. One of the local banks gives us a check each year to be used for this purpose. We also have several planned fundraisers each year where the money raised is put into the spay/neuter fund. We are very lucky that we have so many devoted animals lovers in this county that always come through whenever we need them.

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.

As we did last time we will advertise the grant in our local newspaper and over the radio. We will also put it on our website, as well as others that are linked to it.