

Grant ID: 261

Title of Proposal: Spay Nassau
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Spay Nassau

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Cats Angels, Inc. SPCA	Website Address: www.catsangels.com
Person Submitting Proposal: Beth Hackney	Position: Executive Director
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State: FL	Zip: 32035
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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/10 **End:** 12/31/10

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$223,251.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$201,338.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 1 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 50

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 240.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? FAF website

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): none

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- Unlimited Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other TNR services; Adoption

Organization Structure:

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

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation	Email
Beth Hackney	Executive Director	904-321-2267	run daily operations of Cats Angels	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Gail Cook	Secretary	904-261-9127	counselor	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Jack Dickison	Director	904-277-0572	retired	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Kimberly Glickman	Director	904-491-6321	animal welfare	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Lenora Staples	Director	904-261-5097	unemployed	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Nancy Douglas	Director	904-261-7243	pet sitter	catsangels@bellsouth.net
Pat Glassbrenner	Director	904-321-0767	homemaker	catsangels@bellsouth.net

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

1332 **cats and 30 dogs were admitted.**

550 **cats and 30 dogs were adopted.**

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

1257 cats and 30 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

Cats Angels has an aggressive TNR program, low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination programs, adoption and education programs.

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.

Cats Angels along with RAIN, Stars and Nassau Humane Society is asking for this grant to help fund the "Spay Nassau" program which will help low-income people who qualify get their pet animals spayed/neutered. Cats Angels, along with the other rescue groups, will qualify those seeking assistance and will help transport the animals to First Coast No More Homeless Pets in north Jacksonville for their surgeries.

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?

The Spay Nassau Program receives no funding at all. The county commissioners have been approached for help, but with all the budget cuts, they told us not to hold out any hope of funding. All the rescue groups receive calls daily from people asking for spay/neuter help who would easily qualify for assistance. The rescue groups help as much as they can, but more help is needed. This grant would let all of us help more low-income people get their pets sterilized.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Nassau County, Florida
Total human population in target area:	72245
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	8.9
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	21893
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	18062
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	12041

Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1726
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2095
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1304
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	697
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
N/A	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
Not enough education about spaying/neutering; the west side of Nassau County has 17.4% of its residents below the poverty level; and not an aggressive TNR program.	
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 no free services available for low-income families.	
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)?

The greatest impact we expect to see is a reduced number of animals--especially litters--coming into the county animal shelter. We know it will not happen overnight but we would expect to see a minimum 10-15% decrease in year 1 and an additional 10-15% decrease in year 2. Likewise, we would expect the current euthanasia rate to significantly decrease. The present euthanasia rate is 62% of all incoming animals. Programs like this have been proven to decrease shelter euthanasia and deaths when sustained surgery volume reaches 5+ per 1,000 residents per year. First Coast No More Homeless Pets, our spay-neuter surgery provider, will match the surgeries on a 1-1 basis—for each one the program pays for, they will alter one for free. Funding from Florida Animal Friends will allow us to alter an average of 556 pets. This will give us approximately 10 surgeries per 1,000 residents in the first year.

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

Spay Nassau ran out of funds in October 2010. In the past, the county has provided funding as well as fundraisers by the coalition members. However, the county is not in a financial position to designate funding at this time. Many of the coalition agencies are also struggling for funds. Therefore ANY surgeries we can provide through Spay Nassau is well above the current volume through this program. Cats Angels, with its own funding, has provided S/N surgeries to over 10,000 animals since 2001.

Methods

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

There are only two (2) qualifiers: the resident must live in Nassau County and be on some form of government assistance. To qualify for free spay/neuter surgery for pets under the Spay Nassau program the resident must have documentation of participation in one

of the following assistance programs: · Food Stamps · Medicaid, MediPass, MedKids, HealthEase, Healthy Kids, (Shands) Community Health, JaxCare · Women, Infants & Children (WIC) · SSI (Supplemental Security Income – this is NOT Social Security) · Section 8, Public Housing · Show proof of Low Income Level Depending upon Number of Family Members

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

The initial publicity campaign will include press releases to all local media. Make flyers and distribute in target areas; advertise in the newspaper; each rescue group can assist in advertising also through their websites, newsletters. We will also have posters/flyers in the various public assistance offices (i.e. Workforce Development, Council on Aging, etc.). Staff and volunteers from all animal welfare organizations in Nassau County have committed to promote this program in their daily work. These groups encounter numerous residents each week who need assistance with their pets. Often spay/neuter will help resolve their issues so they do not have to owner surrender their pet to Animal Services. The Animal Control Officers will be distributing literature/brochures to every one they come in contact with as well as distributing flyers to as many businesses that will allow us to post.

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

Two of the rescue groups already transport animals to First Coast No More Homeless Pets clinic every week. Cats Angels has been in existence for 10 years and the local population knows of us as advocates for the animals and a trusted partner with many local agencies and veterinarians. The Spay Nassau Program will be a team effort and we will all work together for the benefit of the animals. First Coast No More Homeless Pets also has two weekly scheduled pick-ups at the local animal control shelter in Nassau County.

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

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

First Coast No More Homeless Pets Spay/Neuter Clinic in North Jacksonville will perform all of the surgeries.

Veterinary Practices

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	\$30.00	\$30.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$12.00"/>
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
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 type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input checked="" 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:

Clients can opt for other services, but they will be required to pay for them. The Spay Nassau Grant will only pay for spay/neuter/rabies procedures.

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

n/a

Other Information

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

Cats Angels, RAIN (Rescuing Animals in Nassau) Stars, (saving the animals rescue society) and the Nassau Humane Society are the four animal welfare groups in Nassau County. Many of the groups already help low-income people get their animals fixed and have paid the fees. Two of the four groups already do transport to FCNMHP. Cats Angels takes 30 animals every week to the clinic for surgery. RAIN goes once or twice a month. All four groups, along with Nassau County Animal Services, are committed to working together to keep the Spay Nassau Program up and running and to educate people in the process. We will all meet and go over the qualifying procedures. Cats Angels will be responsible for handling the Spay Nassau monies and paying the invoices to First Coast No More Homeless Pets. We will also complete the grant follow up report if approved.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 200 **Dogs:** 356

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$45.00

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

If pain meds are required, Cats Angels will pay for them. If there are any other medical procedures that need to be done, Cats Angels will ask the other 2 rescue groups to help fund them. The grant money will only be used for spay/neuter surgeries.

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: 09/01/11/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/12

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.

As stated earlier, Cats Angels will enlist the help of the community and other rescue agencies in holding fundraising events to promote and fund the Spay Nassau Program. If we prove shelter admission is decreased because of the efforts of the Spay Nassau Program, we feel the fundraisers will be successful. It is our intention to ensure that this program will continue as an income targeted spay/neuter program until there comes a time when these services are no longer needed. Our local organizations—Nassau County Animal Services, Nassau Humane Society, Rescuing Animals in Nassau (RAIN) and Saving The Animals Rescue Society

(STARS)—are committed to working together over the next few months to develop a plan to ensure future and continued funding of this vital program. While some sources of income would be from fundraisers, targeted donations and county funding participation, we also plan to amend the current county license ordinance to put a larger portion of the unaltered license fee in a designated spay/neuter fund. Presently \$3 from each unaltered license goes to the Spay Nassau program.

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.

Cats Angels already has the link to the FAF website/plate on our website - we will advertise the grant and plate in our newsletters (over 3,500 on our mailing list); we will encourage RAIN and Nassau Humane to also link to the FAF website (if not already done). Many of our volunteers already have the license plate on their cars. We have a Thrift Store and can promote the plate at our store which is open 6 days a week!