




Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

December 3, 2020

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

THRU: Yolanda G. Martínez, EdPhD., PhD., Director
Health Services Department 

FROM: Diane Summers, Manager *D.S.*
Animal Services
Contact: (407) 254-9145

SUBJECT: Grant from Florida Animal Friend for Animal Services Spay/Neuter Program
Consent Agenda – December 15, 2020

The Animal Services Division was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Florida Animal Friend to fund a new voucher program providing free spay/neuter services for the pets of low-income Orange County residents. In 2020, Florida Animal Friend awarded a total of \$579,928 to 27 municipal and non-profit organizations with the purpose of funding free and low-cost spay/neuter services statewide. The Animal Services Division has organized a program to make these services available to low-income pet owners.

The program involves partnerships with three low-cost high-volume spay/neuter clinics – the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando, Spay N Save, and Snip It. Qualifying low-income residents can apply for a voucher and have up to two pets per household sterilized at any of the participating clinics at no charge.

It is essential that spay/neuter services be easily accessible to help prevent unwanted litters of dogs and cats that may face future homelessness and impact Animal Services.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Florida Animal Friend grant in the amount of \$20,000 to fund a voucher program to provide low income residents with free pet sterilizations. **(Animal Services Division)**

Attachment

C: Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator, County Administrator's Office
John Goodrich, Deputy Director, Health Services Department



APPROVED BY ORANGE
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

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BCC Mtg. Date: December 15, 2020

August 1, 2020

Savannah Lewis
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Dear Grant Applicant:

Thank you for supporting the Florida Animal Friend spay/neuter license plate program. Response from the public has quickly made the spay/neuter license plate one of the top 15 most popular specialty plates.

In this year's grant competition, the grant selection committee evaluated 43 complete applications requesting \$ 949,588. Each reviewer read all of the grants and scored them in 6 categories including target population, cost/benefit ratio, track record of the organization, and sustainability of the program.

Ultimately, 27 grant applications were funded for a total of \$ 579,928

We are pleased to announce that your organization has been selected for a grant of \$ 28,800. Some of the applications were funded for less than requested in order to provide support for as many projects as possible.

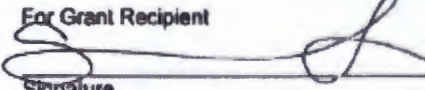
In order to accept the FAF grant, please sign a copy of this agreement and return it by August 17, 2020. Checks will be mailed by August 31. In signing the letter, your organization agrees to the following stipulations:

- All information submitted in the grant application is accurate.
- All activities in the funded project are compliant with federal, state and local laws and codes.
- The funds will be expended only as described in the application and only for spay/neuter services. Microchipping, transportation, etc. are not to be funded with this grant. Pain medication can be included in the costs, and its use is required. *Now this year is that \$ 2 per animal of your grant may be used for rabies vaccinations.*
- Any unspent funds remaining on August 31, 2021 will be returned to FAF immediately.
- Your organization will seek media and community coverage of the grant award and will conduct a campaign to promote FL Animal Friend license plate sales so that even more funds will be available in the future.
- You understand that your grant application will be posted on the FAF website as an example of a successful organization.
- You understand that FAF is subject to FL Statute 215.97 (CSFA 76.076) which requires that "Grantee will maintain its books and records in such a manner that the receipts and expenditures of the grant funds will be shown separately on such books and records in an easily checked form. Grantee will keep such records of receipts and expenditures of grant funds as well as copies of the reports submitted to the Foundation and supporting documentation for at least five years after the completion of the use of the grant funds, and will make such books, records and supporting documentation available to the Foundation for inspection at reasonable times from the time of grantee's acceptance of the grant, throughout the five-year period."
- Your organization will submit the final completed project report online by September 1, 2021 logging in with the same login and password used to submit the grant application.

Congratulations on the good work you are doing on behalf of the welfare of animals and for proposing a worthy project to Florida Animal Friend. We look forward to learning of your great success.

AGREED For Florida Animal Friend

Lou Kostroski, Executive Director

For Grant Recipient

Signature
Savannah Lewis - Clinic Supervisor
Name & Title
Orange County Animal Services
Organization Name