



**Application for Funding from
Churchill County to Support a Community Event or Program**

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization (or Company): Fallon Animal Welfare Group (FAWG)
Chief Executive Officer: Debra Hunter
Mailing & Web Address: 1951 W. William Ave #377 Fallon, NV 89406
City: Fallon State: NV Zip: 89406 Tel & E-mail: 775-666-6407
How long organized (or in business): 13 years Tax I.D. #: 30-0617386
Purpose of Organization: Cat / Kitten Rescue
Total Annual Budget: _____
Is the organization a Non-Profit Business (501c3 Designation)? yes

PROJECT / EVENT DETAILS

Project/Event Title: Barn cats / Pat's Pound / Katty Shack / Grooming
Date of Event: N/A Is this an annual/reoccurring event: NO
Project Director: _____ Tel & E-mail: _____
Mailing Address: 1951 W. Williams Ave #377 Fallon, NV 89406
Location of Project/Event or Target Markets: Katty Shack
Estimated # of participants: _____
Does the event allow for public access by County residents? yes
What cost (if any) for admission? no
Summarize the objectives of this project/event? (attach additional sheet if necessary) _____
please see attached sheets

What are the long term goals of this project? on going
please see attached sheets

Total estimated cost of project: \$40,000

Amount being requested: \$3,000.00

List the amount of funding assistance from the *County or CC Communications* over the past five years: 0

Total funds collected (or estimated) from other sources: \$5,000 City of Fallon (2015) \$10,000 grant Sanctuary (2020) \$5,000 maddy's (2020)

How long do you anticipate funding will be needed to support this program/event and will it be self-supporting? We will never be self-supporting.

EXPENSES: Please itemize all expenses including, items on which community support funds will be expended. List amounts paid to administrators/coordinator/consultants.

- Cleaning supplies
- medical expenses
- FAWG cell phone
- misc Cat/Kitten needs
- Cat food/litter
- Gas for volunteers
- out house Rent (Marshall's septic)

REVENUE: Please itemize all revenue including requested community support monies.

Specifically list revenues raised by the organization.

- Flea market
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COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

Please describe the benefits of this program/event to the residents of this community. Include any additional information you feel is important for the Commissioners to consider

FAWG's ongoing goal is to have as many cats working and adopted as possible. They would like to have a permanent home like CAPS with running water, bathrooms and employees not just volunteers. They want to be a no kill shelter.

Signature of Project Director: Debra Hunter Date: 6-30-21
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*** Attach Additional Sheets as Necessary ***

* See Attached *

Why does FAWG need \$40,000 a year?

FAWG takes care of a problem no one else in Fallon is wanting to tackle, our huge feral cat problem. Fallon has thousands of Feral cats and many are being poisoned, tortured, shot or drowned daily. We want to help stop the overpopulation of unwanted cats and kittens. This takes more than what we are able to do alone. We need the City of Fallon, Churchill County and The Churchill County Commissioners help. With our programs that we have in place we are trying to utilize the ability of the cats to get them jobs as Barn Cats. Earn their keep so to speak. We trap, neuter and release. I know that this is a lot of information in front of you, but please take the time to read our proposal. It could be the difference in many cats and kittens lives.

We used to get pallets of food from Chewy 2-4 times a month to feed our cats. Since they stopped doing this, our budget has tripled. If we could have a Veterinarian, Vet Tech and an animal shelter that would solve our number one problem. Why do we need money?

1. Dry cat food
2. Wet/canned cat food
3. New traps
4. Carriers
5. Metal Cages for holding cats
6. Towels for bedding
7. Water for drinking and cleaning
8. Gas for volunteers
9. Car repairs for volunteers
10. Cat Litter
11. Cat toys
12. Cleaning supplies (Clorox, deodorizers, essential oils, etc.)
13. Testing for Feline panleukopenia and medication
14. Marshal's Septic Service for out house at the Katty Shack
15. VET BILLS

OUR PROGRAMS

My name is Brenda Utterback. I have volunteered in this community for many years. I have volunteered for Food Pantries, Animal Shelters and C.A.S.A. Volunteering is an important civic duty that not a lot of people do. You do not get paid to volunteer; you are there because you want to make a difference. You should not have to pay to be a volunteer. That is not the case in Fallon. All our volunteers contribute to FAWG daily, not just with their time, but energy and money. I started volunteering with FAWG by just helping trap once in a while. Then I met Pat and Debra. I was delivering to the homeless, Senior Center, Food Pantry and Animal food. I found I love to volunteer. I started volunteering more and more for FAWG. We were able to get donations from Chewy.com, various places in Reno/Carson/Fallon, and we set up Kissing/Picture booths at Walmart. They did help, but never solved our problem. Then Covid hit. This changed the way we did everything.

KATTY SHACK

I knew we needed to do something to get the public and the cat's together so we could find them homes. One day I was at Fallon Floors and seen a building off to the side. It was rough looking. I knew Darwin had been helpful in the past for helping his community, so I gave it a shot. I asked him if we could use the building. He said yes, we could use the building, but he would not be able to contribute much to repair it. So, there I stand with Deb and Sally in front of this building, wondering if our vision could happen. The entire inside had to be gutted, roof needed to be replaced, flooring, walls and windows all needed replaced. Three older women took on the labor of love that we call the Katty Shack. Inside and out except for some major jobs were done by us. There were a couple of wonderful businesses who helped with jobs too big for us. Other businesses in our community Hawthorne Navy Base, Fallon Glass & Signs, Chugach Alaska Corp, Ace Hardware and Fallon Floors helped with supplies. We couldn't have done this without them. We now have a building that the public can come in and see the cats and kittens and adopt or bring in donations. This is where we hold our Flea Markets to raise money and get donations. Its also someplace for people to bring their children to pet and love on our kittens and cats, for seniors to come and maybe find a companion for themselves. The cats really need the interaction and love as much as the guests do. This is also someplace for all of the volunteers to meet and greet and this is all free.

FAWG and our programs help Fallon in many ways and go unnoticed to the County and City of Fallon.

PAT'S POUND CAT PROJECT

Each week Pat contacts the Fallon Animal Shelter and picks up cats/kittens and pregnant cats. This saves the shelter money every year on food and disposal of unwanted cats. This in turn saves these cats and gives them a life as a working Barn Cat or a pet. If someone calls CAPS about feral cats, they don't take them they give out FAWG's phone number.

TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program

FAWG has a program that does TNR. We go out to a business or person's home and trap the cats or kittens. We get them spayed/neutered and return them to the business or person's home. This way the cat's still have a life, but not over populating. This cost adds up, gas, shots, neutering and food. Again, we rely on donations.

BARN CATS

This is a free program for anyone who wants to control their mouse, rat or gopher problem. We inspect the farm or business the cats are going to, to make sure they will be housed, fed and watered properly. We do periodic checks after the cats are placed to make sure this is maintained. The cats are neutered and have shots prior to being placed. This again is at our cost, not the people getting the cats. We place anywhere from 2-25 cats depending on location. We want happy people and happy cats!

GROOMING FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PETS

FAWG tries to help the Senior Citizens in our community with their pet grooming needs. We have a groomer who will help our senior's by asking very little or nothing for her services of nail clipping, bath, or grooming. We try to help them out with food for their cats when we can. Our Senior Citizen need companionship from their pets and we want to keep them happy as well.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are the best we could ask for. They drive the cats/kittens to Carson or Reno. They pay for their own gas, tires and car repairs. When they take the cats they leave Fallon at around 5:45am and have to stay in Reno/Carson until about 3pm. Then they keep the cats for 24 hours to watch them for any problems. Our volunteers pay to volunteer! Our volunteers are always trying to find ways to raise money for food, vet bills, gas money, cleaning supplies and the list goes on. Luckily, Fallon Floors provides our electricity.

Our Fostering Volunteers care for newborn kittens with no mama cat. They must hand feed these kittens every two hours, 24/7. Again, they do not get paid to volunteer. It is heartbreaking for them when they put in all their time, effort, and love into these little creatures when one passes away.

Our FAWG Cell Phone is manned 7 days a week from 5am-8pm 7 days a week. We get calls about not only cats, but anything from birds to donkeys. We only do cats! Everyone gives out our number if it has anything to do about kittens or cats. This phone is also paid for by our volunteers. We have gotten calls for up to 100 cats needing to be trapped.

OUR VOLUNTEERS BASICALLY PAY TO VOLUNTEER FOR US

PANLEUKOPENIA

FAWG wants to educate the community on this horrible disease. Many of our low income residents can't afford to vaccinate or neuter their cats. It can cost up to \$225 to get your cat neutered and shots. FAWG will step in and try to help with the costs. We had an outbreak of this at our Katty Shack. T was heartbreaking to see what this disease does. I can't unsee this and I hope to not have to see it again. I cried for days seeing what these poor cats were going through. I begged two different vets for the medication to give all of these cats and kittens. They refused without seeing each cat or kitten, that would have cost a fortune. I needed to take them in and get a prescription, we would have had to pay for the office visit and medication. I found a vet tech who was willing to talk to me and let me explain the problem. I was told essential oils would help kill the virus in the building. We finally eradicated the virus in the building and right now all is well. Panleukopenia is a [viral disease](#) of cats often called feline distemper however it is more closely related to parvovirus. It is highly contagious and can be fatal, especially in kittens. It is one of the diseases for which cats are routinely vaccinated (the "P" in combination FVRCP vaccines). Once a leading cause of death in kittens, panleukopenia has been mostly eradicated thanks to the vaccine, and it's not contagious to humans. But unvaccinated cats, such as stray or feral cats, are still at risk, especially kittens. Feline panleukopenia is a disease caused by a type of parvovirus very closely related to the parvovirus found in dogs. The virus can be spread by direct contact with infected cats but also indirectly by contact with items contaminated with the virus. The virus survives a long time in the environment and is resistant to many disinfectants, so most cats will be exposed to this virus at some point.

Symptoms of panleukopenia can include:

Fever, Lethargy

Loss of appetite

Vomiting and [Diarrhea](#)

Lethargy and mood issues can be difficult to detect in cats, who typically spend much of their time snoozing, but if your cat isn't showing interest in toys it usually likes or seems to avoid contact with you, these can be signs of it is not feeling well. The virus also causes a marked decrease in white blood cells, leaving affected cats susceptible to a secondary bacterial infection. Dehydration and secondary bacterial infections are often life-threatening in these instances. Panleukopenia damages the intestines, and like parvovirus in dogs, attacks the infected animal's bone marrow and lymph nodes. When pregnant cats are infected, their kittens may be stillborn or suffer other developmental abnormalities. Some kittens infected in the later stage of pregnancy or neonatal phase can survive but the virus may affect their brain development, causing the kittens to be born with a condition called cerebellar hypoplasia which damages the part of the brain that affects their motor control. Kittens born with this condition often suffer tremors and other health issues if they survive at all.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAPS AND FAWG?

CAPS	FAWG
Paid Employees	Only Volunteers
They were given land, has running water, a bathroom and lots of storage	400 sqft Shack next to Fallon Floors, we have no running water, we have an outhouse we have to pay for and very little storage
No TNR plan	We Trap Neuter Release (TNR)
Use only Fallon Vets	We don't have a Vet in Fallon who will help with low fees or no fees
Sometimes takes pound dogs and cats	Since 2019 FAWG goes weekly to Fallon Animal Shelter and takes all cats. Goal is NO KILL SHELTER!!!
Contact from public 2 days a week	FAWG has 24/7 phone contact because the public needs help at all times
NO Fostering	Our fosters pay for all expenses themselves while fostering
Gets \$20,000 for animal food	FAWG only get food and litter through donations
Working Barn Cats Has no program for this	Barn Cats Program: we put feral cats to work on farms, businesses anywhere needed. We inspect to make sure they will be fed and watered
CAPS gives out FAWG's phone number when they get calls about feral cats or kittens	FAWG gets calls about 75-100 feral cats and we go get them. Its kitten season, each cat generally has 6-8 kittens
Gives a gift certificate of \$25 if they prove they are low income	We don't have a program in place for this. When someone gets a kitten, it can cost up to \$225 for spay/neuter and shots.
Buy water for the animals to drink	Buy water for the animals to drink
CAPS has water available to clean cages	FAWG has to purchase water for cleaning purposes. It takes 2 gallons a day to clean, at \$1 a gallon that's \$730 a year for water. We could transport water from home also.
	FAWG raises money anyway they can. We have a flea markets to help pay for shots, spaying, food and anything else needed for cat's and kittens.
	FAWG volunteers pay for Clorox, paper towels, kleenex, laundry soap and towels themselves to clean properly.
	FAWG only has 400 sqft open to the public, <u>all</u> other locations are on private property so that we can monitor to make sure cats are not harmed.

CAPS	FAWG
	FAWG has to have trained cat trappers that know how to handle angry cats. Not everyone is equipped to handle the cats.
	FAWG has to have a special person to foster babies for feeding.
	When we take the kittens and cats to get spayed to Reno or Carson we have to leave Fallon by 5:45am and have to remain in the area until 2:30-3:00 pm. That's a lot to ask from a volunteer.
	When the cats/kittens need Neosporin, the volunteers pay out of pocket.
	When a cat is sick and needs IV drip, we have to pay for an office visit to the vet.
	Shots require a prescription and we have to pay for a vet visit. This gets costly.
	FAWG tries to educate the public on Feline panleukopenia-Feline parvo is highly contagious and important to educate.
	FAWG has 3-4 feral cat sanctuaries. They are held there until we can find them a job.