



Spay & Neuter Grants

Fiscal Year 2025



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Spay & Neuter Grant Program Summary Request – FY 25

Organization	Request
Brightside Animal Center	\$1,500
Council on Aging of Central Oregon	\$1,000
Ember's Wildflower Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Rescue	\$1,000
Furry Friends Foundation	\$1,500
Humane Society of Central Oregon	\$2,000
Street Dog Hero	\$2,000
FY 25 Total Requested Amount	\$9,000
FY 25 Funds Available	\$5,000



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SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Brightside Animal Center

Project:

The grant funding toward our spay and neuter program will allow us to provide more surgeries. This will allow us to prepare more animals for adoption, prevent more litters of dogs and cats, and place animals into loving homes.

Estimated impact/cost:

On average, including the cost of relief veterinarians, drugs, and other surgical supplies, it costs BrightSide about \$7 per cat neuter, \$23 per cat spay, \$40 per dog neuter, and \$50 per dog spay. Any funding to help off-set the expense of these surgeries is desperately needed. We're requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500 to put toward the direct costs of these surgeries.

Grant Requested: \$1,500

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2020	\$2,317
2021	\$2,373

Spay and Neuter Grant Program Application

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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

BrightSide Animal Center

Street Address/PO Box *

1355 NE Hemlock Ave

City *

Redmond

State

Oregon

Zip Code *

97756

Contact Name *

Paige Kidd

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pkidd@brightsideanimals.org

Telephone Number *

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Website

<https://brightsideanimals.org/>

Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$1,500.00

Organization History Description *

Since 1987, BrightSide Animal Center (formerly the Humane Society of Redmond) has served part of Deschutes County and has taken over the law enforcement part of the Jefferson County contract. BrightSide shelters, rehabilitates, and adopts cats and dogs to loving families.

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

BrightSide is a high-save shelter dedicated to providing sheltering, placement and prevention services to reduce animal homelessness and unnecessary euthanasia.

State the mission of your organization.

Organization Leadership Structure *

BrightSide has a governing board of directors made up of seven board members including the board president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The board of directors meets monthly and works closely with BrightSide's Executive Director, Taylor Campbell. They guide the organization and make decisions to ensure BrightSide is furthering our mission and making the biggest impact. Additionally we have our medical manager who oversees every animal's medical care including the spay and neuter surgeries and recovery.

Organization Primary Activities *

The primary activities of BrightSide Animal Center are to rescue, rehabilitate, and adopt cats and dogs into loving homes. All of our animals are behaviorally assessed and medically cleared before adoption. BrightSide has programs to support pet owners in the community including our pet food pantry which provides free pet food to those who are unable to afford to purchase food for their animals due to financial insecurity.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description *

Like many animal welfare organizations, BrightSide has seen an increased demand for help with animals in the communities we serve. We have a long history of ensuring all animals that are welcomed into our program are spayed/neutered and vaccinated before adoption. Spaying, neutering, and vaccinating are all crucial in keeping the dog and cat population in our area safe and healthy. In 2024 BrightSide welcomed over 1,300 animals into our program. Last year BrightSide performed 142 dog neuters, 128 dog spays, 200 cat neuters, and 224 cat spays. This year we're anticipating to take in even more animals who will need to be spayed and neutered. On average, including the cost of relief veterinarians, drugs, and other surgical supplies, it costs BrightSide about \$7 per cat neuter, \$23 per cat spay, \$40 per dog neuter, and \$50 per dog spay. Any funding to help off-set the expense of these surgeries is desperately needed. We're requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500 to put toward the direct costs of these surgeries.

Describe the specific program, project, or activity that a Spay and Neuter Grant would support if awarded.

Program / Project Positive Impacts *

With the number of surgeries BrightSide performed last year, we've prevented thousands of possible unplanned litters. Spaying and neutering is one of the most effective ways to keep population levels stable and to help ease the burden on our shelter system. At BrightSide we believe anyone who is able to provide a safe, loving home for an animal should be able to adopt. Making sure the animal receives vetting, and having the animals already spayed and neutered before adoption, eases the financial burden on adopters and helps remove barriers to finding these animals homes. Even with low cost spay and neuter clinics becoming more available, these surgeries can cost pet owners \$200+. This a cost many who are experiencing financial instability can't afford and will not take their pet in to get spayed and neutered. With BrightSide continuing to make sure every animal we adopt out is spayed and neutered, we expect to see increased adoptions, fewer barriers to adoption, a healthier pet population, and fewer unplanned litters of cats and dogs. This will keep future animals out of the shelter system and ensure we're doing our part to get the animal welfare crisis we're experiencing under control.

Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

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Explain the anticipated outcomes of this program, project, or activity and describe how success will be measured.

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Profit Loss 2024 (3).pdf	38.9KB

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SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Council on Aging of Central Oregon

Project:

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon seeks funding to support a Spay & Neuter initiative as an extension of its Pet Pals program, which provides free pet food, supplies, and basic veterinary care to homebound older adults receiving Meals on Wheels.

Estimated impact/cost:

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon's Pet Pals program has made significant strides in supporting seniors and their pets across the region. Since the program's official launch in 2022, we have expanded from providing pet food and supplies in Bend to providing pet food, supplies, and basic veterinary care to clients across the tri-county. Here are key statistics that highlight the reach and impact of the program: We currently have 152 clients with 224 pets enrolled in the program. 115 of those clients and 170 of the pets reside in Deschutes County. In the last 12 months, we distributed over \$46,000 worth of pet food and supplies to Meals on Wheels clients. In the past year, we have provided 126 free veterinary appointments through our partnerships with FIXbend, Wickiup Animal Hospital and the Humane Society of Central Oregon. We covered \$13,000+ in veterinary fees for wellness checks, vaccines, microchips, nail trims, and spay/neuters

Grant Requested: \$1,000

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2021	\$1,735
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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

Council on Aging of Central Oregon

Street Address/PO Box *

1036 NE 5th St

City *

Bend

State

Oregon

Zip Code *

97701

Contact Name *

Cynthia Jurgensen

E-mail Address *

cjurgensen@councilonaging.org

Telephone Number *

5413230604

Website

Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$1,000.00

Organization History Description *

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon has been supporting older adults since 1975, helping seniors in Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties stay healthy, independent, and connected. From the start, the Council has focused on meeting the needs of a growing senior population with services like Meals on Wheels, caregiver support, Medicare counseling, and advocacy.

The Council on Aging began delivering pet food and supplies to homebound older adults in 2015, recognizing that pets are family, too. The program expanded significantly in 2022 with the hiring of a dedicated program manager and the launch of a veterinary assistance component. It quickly grew to serve older adults in La Pine and Sisters, and now reaches clients in Crook and Jefferson counties as well. Over the decades, the Council has adapted and expanded to serve thousands of older adults, especially during the pandemic, ensuring seniors have access to meals, resources, and a caring community.

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

To support all Central Oregonians to age well wherever and however they choose. We empower, advocate for, and provide services to older community members and their loved ones.

Organization Leadership Structure*

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors representing healthcare, law, finance, nonprofit leadership, and community advocacy. The Board provides strategic oversight, fiscal accountability, and policy guidance to advance the agency's mission in Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties. The Executive Director partners with the Board to align programs with strategic goals and represents the organization to partners, funders, and local stakeholders.

Supporting the Executive Director is a Leadership Team made up of senior staff overseeing critical program areas such as nutrition services, volunteer coordination, caregiver support, case management, and administrative operations including finance, development, and communications.

Service delivery is powered by a dedicated workforce of professional staff and over 700 community volunteers, who together ensure the provision of Meals on Wheels, congregate dining, caregiver support, Medicare counseling, Pet Pals, and other essential services to older adults throughout Central Oregon. The Pet Pals program has a dedicated part time employee who works in tandem with the Director of Communications and Programming and a team of 30 volunteers.

This leadership structure fosters effective governance, operational excellence, and community engagement, ensuring the organization remains responsive to the evolving needs of the region's growing senior population.

Describe the leadership and structure of your organization.

Organization Primary Activities*

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon's primary activities include providing nutrition services through Meals on Wheels home-delivered meals and community dining sites offering nutritious meals and social engagement. The organization offers caregiver support by providing resources, education, and respite services to family caregivers of older adults. Through information and assistance, the Council helps seniors and their families navigate resources such as housing, transportation, healthcare, and legal aid.

Additionally, the Council provides Medicare counseling through certified SHIBA counselors who offer personalized assistance with Medicare enrollment, plan selection, and benefits. The Pet Pals program delivers free pet food and supplies on a monthly basis to Meals on Wheels clients across the tri-county, helping older adults care for their companion animals. It also offers free basic veterinary care and oversees the logistics of getting homebound clients and their animals into the clinics.. The organization also offers health and wellness programs including evidence-based classes that promote physical health, fall prevention, and chronic disease management.

Volunteer engagement is a core activity, involving the recruitment, training, and coordination of volunteers to support meal delivery, companionship, special events, and other services. Finally, the Council leads advocacy and community education efforts to promote awareness and advance the rights and needs of older adults at the local and state levels.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description*

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon seeks funding to support a Spay & Neuter initiative as an extension of its Pet Pals program, which provides free pet food, supplies, and basic veterinary care to homebound older adults receiving Meals on Wheels.

Funding from the Deschutes County Discretionary Grant will provide five free spay or neuter procedures for the companion animals of eligible Meals on Wheels clients, helping to remove financial and logistical barriers to veterinary care. In partnership with FIXbend, who offers these services at a discounted average rate of \$160 per procedure, this initiative supports pet health and longevity, prevents unwanted litters, and reduces the emotional and financial strain on older adults.

Our commitment to a holistic approach extends beyond covering the cost of care. We coordinate transportation to appointments, maintain up-to-date veterinary records, and follow up with pet owners to ensure a smooth recovery process.

By supporting the human-animal bond that is so vital to older adults' emotional well-being, the Council is helping both seniors and their beloved pets thrive safely and sustainably together.

Describe the specific program, project, or activity that a Spay and Neuter Grant would support if awarded.

Program / Project Positive Impacts*

The Spay & Neuter initiative will have significant impacts on both older adults and their companion animals. By removing the cost barrier to veterinary care, the program promotes healthier, longer lives for pets, reducing the risk of reproductive-related diseases and unwanted litters. This reduces the emotional and financial burden on seniors who may be unable to afford unexpected veterinary costs or care for additional animals.

For older adults, ensuring their pet's health provides peace of mind, emotional stability, and companionship, which are critical for reducing loneliness, depression, and isolation—common challenges among homebound seniors. By helping seniors keep their pets healthy and at home, the program supports their ability to age in place safely and with dignity.

The initiative also contributes to community-wide benefits by reducing stray animal populations and easing the strain on local shelters and rescue organizations.

Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon's Pet Pals program has made significant strides in supporting seniors and their pets across the region. Since the program's official launch in 2022, we have expanded from providing pet food and supplies in Bend to providing pet food, supplies, and basic veterinary care to clients across the tri-county. Here are key statistics that highlight the reach and impact of the program: We currently have 152 clients with 224 pets enrolled in the program. 115 of those clients and 170 of the pets reside in Deschutes County. In the last 12 months, we distributed over \$46,000 worth of pet food and supplies to Meals on Wheels clients. We average 81 orders per month. Each delivery offers a valuable opportunity to connect with the client, providing a moment of personal interaction that helps reduce feelings of isolation. In the past year, we have provided 126 free veterinary appointments through our partnerships with FIXbend, Wickiup Animal Hospital and the Humane Society of Central Oregon. We covered \$13,000+ in veterinary fees for wellness checks, vaccines, microchips, nail trims, and spay/neuters.

Client Testimonials

Janet S. shared that her cat, Bob, seemed revitalized after a wellness check: "I feel blessed by this program."
"I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Pet Pals. My Bubbles, the apple of my life is chipped so I don't have to worry about her not coming home if she gets lost. It was absolutely free and everyone is so nice. It takes the worry you might have and shines a light on it. She also gets her nails trimmed and keeps up with her vaccinations at the wellness clinics. They are here for me, you, and all our fur babies. I appreciate all you have done for us. Thanks!" Rachel M.

Community Partnerships: Pet Pals collaborates with several organizations to deliver its services:

FIXBend: A program of the Rawley Project, offering veterinary care in Bend.

Wickiup Animal Hospital: Providing discounted veterinary services in La Pine

Humane Society of Central Oregon: Providing in-home veterinary care to clients in Madras and Prineville

In summary, the Pet Pals program is vital to the well-being of older adults, providing essential emotional support and companionship through their beloved pets. The Council on Aging of Central Oregon recognizes the powerful bond between seniors and their animals and is dedicated to ensuring that no senior has to choose between caring for themselves and caring for their pet.

Explain the anticipated outcomes of this program, project, or activity and describe how success will be measured.

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COA-IRS Determination.pdf	387.5KB
CoA Pet Pals FY26.pdf	95.2KB
CoA Rev & Exp 3.31.25.pdf	170.14KB
CoA CIR 2024 r1.pdf	4.44MB
CoA Pet Pals info.pdf	3.22MB

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SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Ember's Wildflower Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Rescue

Project:

Spay & neuter funds are always needed and necessary to ensure each bunny taken in by Ember's is altered. Bunnies need to be altered in order for them to stop procreation and the problems can that ensue (too many unwanted bunnies), to regulate hormones for better personalities and happier bunnies, and in females it's most important since unaltered females have a much higher rate of cancer.

Estimated impact/cost:

As of May 5, 2025, the number of bunnies taken in total 372. We've paid for spay or neuter of 250 bunnies, adopted out 276 bunnies and have 51 currently in our care and available. Our donation support has increased, although there are always more vet bills and supplies needed. Donations will be used for hay, food pellets, bedding pellets, necessary medicine and vet bills which include spay/neuter, vaccination & microchip, teeth trim/removal and any other ailments.

Grant Requested: \$1,000

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2021	\$1,580
2022	\$2,032
2023	\$2,394

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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

Ember's Wildflower Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Rescue

Street Address/PO Box *

2584 SW 58th Street

City *

Redmond

State

Oregon

Zip Code *

97756

Contact Name *

Lindsey Provost

E-mail Address *

wildflowerbunnylove@gmail.com

Telephone Number *

5414199173

Website

<http://emberswildflower.org/>

Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$1,000.00

Organization History Description *

In April 2015, our Founder/President Lindsey was given Ember, her first bunny, as a gift the day before Easter. He showed her how special bunnies are and inspired her to save as many as she could. She soon learned bunnies are the 3rd most abandoned pet and decided to help.

We are Ember's Wildflower Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Rescue in Redmond, OR a registered Oregon 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and rely solely on donations. As the only bunny rescue in Central Oregon, we've been actively rescuing since January 2019. As of May 5, 2025, the number of bunnies taken in totals 372. We've paid for spay or neuter of 250 bunnies, adopted out 276 bunnies and have 51 currently in our care and available. Our donation support has increased, although there are always more vet bills and supplies needed. Donations will be used for hay, food pellets, bedding pellets, necessary medicine and vet bills which include spay/neuter, vaccination & microchip, teeth trim/removal and any other ailments.

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

Our mission is to provide rescue and sanctuary to abandoned and unwanted domestic bunnies; to spay/neuter, vaccinate, provide veterinary care, and prepare them to be adopted into loving homes through socialization and training. To provide education and resources for current and future bunny owners and reduce cycles of surrendering unwanted animals by carefully reviewing potential adopters and ensuring good matches of humans and companion animals. For bunnies whose medical needs preclude them from adoption, we will provide lifelong sanctuary.

Our vision is for all domestic bunnies to live a long, safe, and happy life, with dignity and respect, free of homelessness and neglect. Ember's embraces compassion and kindness for all animals while cultivating awareness of the specific need for bunny rescue both locally and throughout the region.

State the mission of your organization.

Organization Leadership Structure *

Ember's Wildflower Board is comprised of:

President/Founder - Lindsey Provost

Treasurer - Cindy Hamlin

Secretary - Lorraine Murray

Volunteer Coordinator - Taryn Reynolds

Member-at-Large - Kristy Kwan

Member-at-Large - Jenee Mohler

Describe the leadership and structure of your organization.

Organization Primary Activities *

The primary activities of Ember's Wildflower are housing and feeding of current bunnies at our rescue barn, providing spay/neuter, RHDV2 vaccination, microchipping and any necessary medical needs. Bunnies are socialized through daily Volunteer cleaners and being let out to play in our enclosed play area. When we have room, we take in newly surrendered domestic bunnies for all different reasons (i.e., loss of housing, allergies, dumped/found bunnies). We have Foster families that take in surrendered bunnies during the quarantine period for RHDV2 vaccine, and we have a waitlist at all times.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description *

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Describe the specific program, project, or activity that a Spay and Neuter Grant would support if awarded.

Program / Project Positive Impacts *

Inclusive of the Program / Project Description above, receiving spay/neuter grant funds will positively impact Ember's Wildflower annual budget which relies solely on Grant funds and donations. We work tirelessly throughout the year to fundraise for our monthly/annual needs including hay, food pellets, litter pellets, utilities to keep bunnies warm and cool and any and all medical bills (spay/neuter, RHDV2 vaccine, tooth trims, surgeries and medication needed).

Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

Happy, healthy bunnies that can live their lives free of cancer and leveling their hormones which gives them the possibility of bonding with another bunny to become even happier, all while creating less unwanted bunnies in our community and surrounding areas.

Explain the anticipated outcomes of this program, project, or activity and describe how success will be measured.

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2025 Ember's Spay Neuter expenses.pdf	172.7KB
Ember's 2024 Mission Budget.pdf	255.78KB



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SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Furry Friends Foundation

Project:

"The Fix is FREE"

We will continue our successful spay/neuter program through 2025 with the campaign title of "The Fix is Free." The campaign will continue to be marketed through free announcements in the local newspaper, and limited free newspaper advertising. It will also be promoted heavily through social media. Further promotion will include flyers attached to the pet food bags distributed at the pet food bank.

Estimated impact/cost:

Continuing this program aids us in sponsoring free spay/neuter surgeries to families primarily in the Sisters' community. An important part of the campaign is to educate and emphasize that an altered pet is a healthier pet. We also facilitate the trapping of feral cats in the Sisters' area and sponsor their spay/neuter surgeries. Furry Friends is the only pet-related nonprofit in the Sisters area offering these services. In 2024 we sponsored 79 surgeries with a total cost of \$10,519 and estimate 80 surgeries for this year. And, most importantly this grant will help families to keep their pets healthy, in their homes, and out of the crowded Central Oregon shelters.

Grant Requested: \$1,500

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2020	\$2,431
2021	\$2,434
2022	\$2,123
2023	\$2,428

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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

Furry Friends Foundation, Inc.

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412 E. Main Ste. 4, PO Box 1175

City *

Sisters

State

Oregon

Zip Code *

97759

Contact Name *

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info@furryfriendsfoundation.org

Telephone Number *

541-797-4023

Website

<https://furryfriendsfoundation.org/>

Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$1,500.00

Organization History Description *

Furry Friends first began in 1992 as the Furry Friends Holiday Pet Food Drive. It was held in partnership with the Sisters Kiwanis Club and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department. Then, in March of 2012 Furry Friends expanded its pet food distribution and spay/neuter/vaccine sponsorship services to a year-round program and became a 501(c)(3) organization known formally as Furry Friends Foundation, Inc. Approximately 87% of the yearly budget for 2024 went towards the purchase of pet food, pet supplies, free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations and veterinary assistance, 13% was spent on administrative expenses, including rent, phone and insurance.

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

We are dedicated to improving the welfare of pets in the Sisters Oregon community. It is our mission to help pets stay healthy and remain in their homes through sponsorship of free spay/neuter surgeries, operating a pet food bank, and by offering monetary assistance for pet wellness and emergency veterinary needs to low-income families, seniors on fixed incomes and families experiencing financial hardship.

State the mission of your organization.

Organization Leadership Structure *

Our focus is the area encompassing a 10-mile radius within the Sisters School District; that has an estimated population of 10,000+. There is a core group of approximately 15 volunteers. The board consists of three members, they are founder Kiki Dolson and volunteers Sandy Strader and Jeannie Sandeck. Furry Friends Foundation is run entirely by volunteers, no individual is paid a salary for his or her time.

Furry Friends Foundation distributes pet food every Thursday. Families are eligible to pick up pet food and other pet supplies once a month. The pet food bank is open by appointment with clients able to call for assistance 7 days a week. We offer pet food delivery services to seniors and those who are disabled. An estimated 40% of the clients we serve are seniors living on a fixed income. Completed applications are required to qualify for the pet food bank, free spay/neuter and vaccination sponsorships, wellness services and veterinary assistance. Though we prioritize requests from the Sisters area, we also receive and approve requests for free spay/neuter sponsorships from Redmond and Bend as funds allows.

Describe the leadership and structure of your organization.

Organization Primary Activities *

a. Free Spay & Neuter sponsorships. To request sponsorship, individuals fill out and sign our application form, including contact information and pet details. We have a partnership with the Rawley Project's FIXbend program where surgeries are performed at their monthly clinics. We register the individual's dog or cat with Fi prior to the registration becoming open to the public. In that way we are assured of appointments for our clients as the clinics fill up quickly.

Vaccinations can also be sponsored at that time. The Rawley Project then bills Furry Friends Foundation for the surgery and services. We also offer partial sponsorships for cats through our partnership with SnipCentral located in Redmond. We pay approximately 75% of that cost (the same dollar amount we would pay to FIXbend) and the client pays the remaining balance. This program gives the client more scheduling flexibility.

b. Vaccinations: We sponsor vaccinations primarily through the FIXbend low-cost monthly vaccine clinics. Often the only thing keeping a family from licensing their dog is the expense of the rabies vaccine. So by sponsorship, Furry Friends paves the way for them to license their pet.

c. Furry Friends Pet Food Bank: The pet food bank distributes approximately 2.5+ tons of pet food monthly. The pet food bank also distributes many needed pet supplies including but not limited to leashes, harnesses, collars, coats, booties, toys, grooming supplies, bowls, litter, beds and kennels. There are kennels to borrow for transport to spay/neuter clinics along with a Have-A-Heart trap for feral cats.

d. Financial Veterinary Assistance: The family fills out an application form requesting veterinary assistance for their pet. Applications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis as funds are limited. Based on that evaluation the level of sponsorship is determined. We begin with a \$150 cap to cover the exam and any prescription medicine. After the first visit we re-evaluate the level of sponsorship based on the pet's needs and family's ability to pay.

e. Pet euthanasia: During this difficult time Furry Friends is able to sponsor pet euthanasia for families unable to pay.

f. Misc. services: Furry friends sees many individual requests year 'round for a large variety of pet supplies, prescription or allergy diet pet food, to lost-and-found pet listings posted on our social media pages. We work with several Central Oregon pet-related nonprofit groups to facilitate adoption and release of ownership.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description *

"The Fix is FREE"

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Program / Project Positive Impacts *

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Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

We are confident we can continue to aid the Sisters' community by reducing the numbers of unwanted and unplanned cat and dog litters. In 2024 we sponsored 79 surgeries with a total cost of \$10,519. and estimate 80 surgeries for this year. And, most importantly this grant will help families to keep their pets healthy, in their homes, and out of the crowded Central Oregon shelters.

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SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Humane Society of Central Oregon

Project:

If awarded, the spay and neuter grant would support the Humane Society of Central Oregon's Veterinary Outreach Program. The Veterinary Outreach Program provides free and low cost veterinary care, including spay and neuter, to underserved families in Deschutes County. By utilizing our mobile veterinary clinic and veterinarians we are able to go straight to the communities that need us the most and provide basic veterinary care and spay and neuter surgeries on site.

Estimated impact/cost:

The anticipated outcomes for this project will be increased access to veterinary care for families and decreased shelter intake in targeted areas for our program. Another significant benefit is the potential for reduced calls on Deschutes County law enforcement and animal control officers. We will measure success by tracking the animals served, specific locations of families seeking services, and overall shelter intakes.

Grant Requested: \$2,000

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2020	\$2,569
2021	\$2,519
2022	\$2,424

Spay and Neuter Grant Program Application

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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

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Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$2,000.00

Organization History Description *

The Humane Society of Central Oregon has been serving the communities of central Oregon since 1960. Originally founded by a small group of dedicated volunteers to provide care and adoption services for lost, abandoned, and unwanted pets, HSCO has grown into a vibrant animal welfare organization offering a full spectrum of services. Over time, we have moved locations several times, but our work and service to Deschutes County and beyond has remained constant.

HSCO contracts with both Deschutes County and the City of Bend to provide animal impound services and we receive lost and surrendered animals directly from the public. Each year, we facilitate over a thousand adoptions of animals into loving families and we reunite lost animals with their owners whenever possible.

Over time, we have grown to meet the needs of our expanding community by incorporating additional programming, beyond basic animal shelter services. These programs focus on providing vital services to keep pets from having to enter the shelter in the first place. This includes, free pet food, wellness and vaccination services, microchipping, and of course spay/neuter for owned pets.

Pets deeply enrich the lives of their human family members. By providing progressive, accessible, and judgement free animal services, we are able to create a safer and more humane community for pets and people in Central Oregon.

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

HSCO is on a mission to strengthen the human-animal bond by advocating and compassionately caring for animals.

State the mission of your organization.

Organization Leadership Structure *

Our organization is lead by a governing Board of Directors, made up of nine volunteers local to Central Oregon who care greatly about pets and their people. There is a robust professional staff within HSCO, including an Executive Director with over a decade of experience in animal welfare. The ED oversees a leadership team of paid staff members, including two veterinarians who provide direct care to shelter animals as well as spay/neuter for owned animals.

Describe the leadership and structure of your organization.

Organization Primary Activities *

HSCO is a progressive animal welfare organization offering shelter services to Central Oregon. We employ both paid staff and volunteers to provide excellent care (veterinary and otherwise) to all shelter animals, as well as robust care for owned animals in need of services.

Additional activities include: lost and found services for pets, community pet food bank, volunteer activities, fundraising and community events, partnerships with other animal welfare organizations.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description *

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These efforts represent a proactive approach to addressing the issue of pet overpopulation in Deschutes County, rather than reacting to the animals when they arrive at our shelter. Ultimately, these efforts will decrease the burden on our shelter and law enforcement officials in responding to lost, abandoned, and surrendered animals. As part of this program, HSCO routinely offers vaccinations for animals at the time of the spay/neuter surgery, which reduces infectious disease an illness among companion animals in the county.

HSCO is uniquely suited to provide spay/neuter services to owned animals with our own staff members, including veterinary staff, rather than needing to work with third-party care providers or contractors.

Describe the specific program, project, or activity that a Spay and Neuter Grant would support if awarded.

Program / Project Positive Impacts *

This program strategically expands accessible veterinary care to communities and families who would not have access to these services due to financial or transportation barriers. Using census data, we have completed an in depth community assessment to help us target the most in need communities in the county. We also utilize our shelter facility to target at-risk animals and their people in order to break the cycle of shelter intakes.

According to both Humane World for Animals and the ASPCA, the top two reasons families cannot access veterinary care is cost and transportation. By utilizing our Mobile Veterinary Clinic to provide, low cost spay/neuter and basic veterinary care in areas adjacent to the areas we are focusing on, we can eliminate both of these barriers.

Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

The anticipated outcomes for this project will be increased access to veterinary care for families and decreased shelter intake in targeted areas for our program. Another significant benefit is the potential for reduced calls on Deschutes County law enforcement and animal control officers. We will measure success by tracking the animals served, specific locations of families seeking services, and overall shelter intakes.

Ultimately, we hope to see an increase of the amount of inquiries for veterinary care, which will let us know that we are reaching our target audience and that they know about the resources available to them. We will also continue to track overall shelter intakes and the reason for those intakes. Ideally, we will see a decrease in the intake of animals surrenders for medical reasons and/or unintended litters of puppies and kittens.

Explain the anticipated outcomes of this program, project, or activity and describe how success will be measured.

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- **Operating Budget Specific to Funds Requested**
- **Financial Statement that shows actual revenue and expenditures from Past 12-month Period**

Document File Upload *

501c3-Tax-Exempt-HSCO.pdf	284.49KB
2024 HSCO Financial Statements FINAL.pdf	278.14KB
Deschutes County Spay-Neuter Grant HSCO 2025.xlsx	14.18KB

Please the three files required above. PDF format desired. Other file formats supported: pdf,png,jpg,jpeg,gif,bmp,rtf,doc,docx. 25mb file limit.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM

Organization: Street Dog Hero

Project:

If awarded, this Spay and Neuter Grant would directly support Street Dog Hero's local clinic program, an essential part of our Medical Program focused on serving underserved communities within Deschutes County. These targeted clinics provide no-cost or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and basic veterinary care to pet owners who face barriers related to cost, transportation, or access to veterinary services.

Estimated impact/cost:

The anticipated outcomes of this program include an increase in the number of spay and neuter surgeries provided to Deschutes County pet owners, a reduction in unplanned litters, and broader community awareness around preventive veterinary care. By expanding access to free or low-cost procedures, we aim to reduce pet overpopulation locally and ease the burden on municipal shelters and rescue organizations within the county.

Grant Requested: \$2,000

S&N Grants awarded in past five years:

2023	\$2,643
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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant/Organization *

Street Dog Hero

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Website

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Project Information

Amount Requested up to \$2000.00 *

\$2,000.00

Organization History Description *

Street Dog Hero was founded in 2017 in Bend, Oregon, with a mission to give street dogs around the world a second chance at life. What began as a grassroots effort to rescue dogs from extreme conditions abroad quickly evolved into a robust foster-based rescue and adoption program. Since then, we've saved over 3,600 dogs from neglect, abuse, and hunger, both internationally and here at home.

Recognizing that rescue alone isn't enough, we've also prioritized prevention. Our medical program has provided over 11,100 animals with free or low-cost spay/neuter services and wellness care, helping reduce overpopulation and support underserved communities

Describe the history of your organization.

Organization Mission Description *

Serving dogs in need around the world and their communities through rescue, adoption, wellness, spay/neuter, and education.

State the mission of your organization.

Organization Leadership Structure *

Street Dog Hero is led by a dedicated, hands-on Board of Directors composed of nine members with diverse professional backgrounds. Our Board Chair, Marianne Cox, also serves as Executive Director, ensuring strong alignment between strategic oversight and day-to-day operations.

Marianne is supported by a core leadership team of managers overseeing Development, Medical & Foster Programs, Adoptions, Intake, and Community Engagement. This structure allows for both specialized focus and cross-functional collaboration to deliver high-impact rescue, wellness, and adoption services across our local and international programs.

Describe the leadership and structure of your organization.

Organization Primary Activities *

Street Dog Hero's primary activities include the rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption of dogs in need, whether they're coming from the streets of Mexico, overcrowded shelters in Texas, or right here in Central Oregon. Through domestic and international intake partnerships, we bring dogs into our care and place them in foster homes until they are adopted.

Our work extends beyond rescue. We operate a medical program that provides free or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, and basic wellness care to underserved pet owners who face barriers to veterinary access. We also host adoption events, deliver humane education, and engage in community outreach to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce overpopulation at its root.

Describe the primary activities conducted by your organization.

Program / Project Description *

If awarded, this Spay and Neuter Grant would directly support Street Dog Hero's local clinic program, an essential part of our Medical Program focused on serving underserved communities within Deschutes County. These targeted clinics provide no-cost or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and basic veterinary care to pet owners who face barriers related to cost, transportation, or access to veterinary services.

While our broader Medical Program includes international initiatives and medical care for dogs in foster, these local clinics are designed to address the root causes of shelter overcrowding and animal surrender right here at home.

With Deschutes County's support, we can increase the frequency and reach of our clinics, expand the number of free surgery slots available, and serve more local pets in need, ultimately preventing unplanned litters, improving community animal welfare, and reducing the number of animals entering the county shelter system.

Describe the specific program, project, or activity that a Spay and Neuter Grant would support if awarded.

Program / Project Positive Impacts *

This program directly supports the expansion of spay and neuter access within Deschutes County by eliminating key barriers such as cost, geographic isolation, and limited veterinary availability, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Street Dog Hero's local clinics offer no-cost or low-cost procedures to residents who might otherwise be unable to access or afford veterinary care.

With grant funding from Deschutes County, we would increase the number of free spay/neuter slots available at each clinic. With the average low-cost procedure typically being around \$120, these services remain out of reach for many pet owners.

By preventing unplanned litters, reducing the number of animals entering local shelters, and promoting proactive pet care, this program offers a sustainable, community-level solution to pet overpopulation in Deschutes County.

Describe how this program, project, or activity would positively impact the goal of promoting or expanding spay and neuter procedures.

Program / Project Outcomes *

The anticipated outcomes of this program include an increase in the number of spay and neuter surgeries provided to Deschutes County pet owners, a reduction in unplanned litters, and broader community awareness around preventive veterinary care. By expanding access to free or low-cost procedures, we aim to reduce pet overpopulation locally and ease the burden on municipal shelters and rescue organizations within the county.

Success will be measured by tracking the number of surgeries performed and the number of Deschutes County residents served. We also monitor trends in local shelter intake and adoption data as long-term indicators of program impact.

With support from Deschutes County, Street Dog Hero can increase the number of clinic days offered, open up more no-cost slots for qualifying residents, and deepen our outreach in high-need rural and unincorporated areas of the county.

Explain the anticipated outcomes of this program, project, or activity and describe how success will be measured.

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2025 Local Clinic Budget.xlsx	49.24KB
2024 SDH Budget - Shareable.pdf	30.76KB
SDH 501c3 determination letter.pdf	58.26KB

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