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OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION – FISCAL YEAR 2022

Organization: Grand Valley Pets Alive Date: 10/13/21

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FUNDING REQUEST SUMMARY

Project Name: Fruita Spay / Neuter

Amount of Request: (\$) 2900

Summary of Request:

Several volunteers with GRAND VALLEY PETS ALIVE (GVPA) have been very active in Fruita, city and rural areas, helping people to get their pets spayed / neutered and assisting colony caretakers with TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) of colony / feral cats. Spay / Neuter is the proven way to reduce pet overpopulation and suffering. Available funding often does not keep up with requests for help. A grant from the OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING would enable GVPA to immediately address needs of S/N of cats in FRUITA! Details of how funding would be used follows.

GVPA works in all of Mesa County. We provide financial assistance for pet cats, dogs and rabbits. The majority of the calls for help coming to us are for colony cats. In 2020 the totals were: 534 surgeries funded, 40 dogs, 3 rabbits and 491 cats (332 feral / 159 pet). Many of the cat S/N surgeries were for Fruita residents (town and rural areas) as well as Loma & Mack.



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How does this program/project benefit the citizens/businesses of the City of Fruita?

Reducing the number of cats born with no chance of finding a home helps the people who care about them. It reduces neighborhood conflicts over free roaming cats. Area shelters have been overwhelmed in 2021 with the number of rescued kittens and abandoned socialized cats.

How does this program/project help the City to achieve its goals and priorities (Exhibit A)?

Quality of Place:

Reducing pet overpopulation in Fruita would provide for a safer, healthier and cleaner community. As stated above, it would reduce neighborhood conflicts.

Economic Health:

People who feed and care for colonies of cats truly care for them. They are extended family. By keeping the outdoor cat population from growing, it aids them financially. Many of those caring for cats often deny themselves in order to provide for their colonies.

Lifestyle:

A community that cares about companion animals is a community that values a positive lifestyle. Fruita has many dog friendly businesses evidenced by water dishes and treats. Cats are less visible, but equally important.

Describe other funding sources and financial support for this project/program, both internally and from other outside agencies, including in-kind contributions such as donated goods or services.

Grand Valley Pets Alive (GVPA) funds spay / neuter and TNR in Mesa County. We have done a lot of work in Fruita, town and rural, and surrounding communities Loma & Mack. Funding comes from donations, fund raisers (most curtailed by COVID-19), and grants from Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF), Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF), Sam's Club and more.

The FRUITA THRIFT STORE has supported GVPA for several years.

**Will the organization be able to continue to deliver service in the future without City funding?
How will the success of this program be measured?**

GVPA will continue to deliver S/N and TNR services to Fruita as long as we have the funds to do so. Of late, we have needed to put people calling us for assistance on a waiting list as we cannot issue a voucher unless we have the money to pay for it when used. Lately, a yard sale with Loma Cat House and a grant from Sam's Club have enabled us to fill the majority of requests on the waiting list.



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GVPA issues vouchers to be used at ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) in the amount of \$60 to pay for the S/N of cats. We receive a big discount. The vouchers pay in full for a spay, and provides for a neuter plus a distemper vaccine. GVPA also pays for a rabies vaccine for all cats arriving in traps at ABC. Pet owners get the benefit of the discounted vaccines, \$10 for rabies, \$15 distemper.

If this grant is awarded, GVPA will set up a spread sheet to be submitted when the funds are used, with names, addresses, sex of cats, etc. Please let us know the specific boundaries in which this grant needs to be used.



PROJECT/PROGRAM BUDGET

List itemized expenditures by category for this funding request. Be specific. This information will be used to compile funding agreements for approved requests.

Expenses

Line Item Description	Cost
Spay female cat + rabies and distemper vaccines	\$85
Neuter male cat + rabies and distemper vaccines	\$70
At \$2900 this would provide for approximately 35 - 40 surgeries depending on sex.	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2900

Revenues

Sources of Revenue	Funding Committed? Y/N	Amount
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See Describe Other Funding Sources....

As GVPA is an all volunteer 501 (c) (3), working from our homes, we have no rent nor salaries to pay. Expenses are printing, postage, website hosting and government filing fees. Approximately 95% of funds raised go to spay / neuter with a small fund for veterinary emergencies.

GVPA does not have a formal budget. We use the financial reports from prior years as guides. When funds come in, vouchers are issued. (See the 2020 Financial Reports).

TOTAL REVENUES in 2020 was \$36,841, Expenses were \$32,959.

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