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OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION – FISCAL YEAR 2024 General Application Information:

Applications are due by October 20, 2023. Final decisions on funding requests will be made no later than December 7, 2023, and applicants will be notified of the decision on their funding request.

One copy of the funding applications and attachments are required and should be mailed or emailed to the address below. Completed applications must include all required items and be submitted by the deadline to be considered.

Funding requests will be reviewed and evaluated based on the criteria set forth in the City of Fruita Outside Agency Funding Policy (Exhibit B).

Questions regarding the application may be directed to Shannon Vassen at svassen@fruita.org or (970) 858-3663.

Completed application packets should be submitted to:

City of Fruita

Attn: Shannon Vassen 325 E. Aspen Avenue Fruita, Co 81521

Or email to svassen@fruita.org

Application Contents:

I. Application

II. Organization Certification

III. List of Required Attachments

IV. Exhibit A – City Goals

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FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Organization: Grand Valley Pets Alive

Date: 10/19/23

Contact Person: Carole Chowen
Sue Tuffin

President, Spay /Neuter Coordinator
Fruita Spay/Neuter

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3701, Grand Junction, CO 1502

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Sue- 970 640-2000 Email: smtuffin49@gmail.com

FUNDING REQUEST SUMMARY

Project Name: Fruita Spay/Neuter Voucher Program

Amount of Request: (\$) 6,000

Summary of Request:

This is the third year Grand Valley Pets Alive has applied for an Outside Agency Funding Grant from the City of Fruita. The grant for 2023 was used in full by April 17. The breakdown of how these funds were spent are as follows:

The 2023 grant of \$3500 paid for the spay or neuter of 43 cats: Neutered 15 and Spayed 28.

- **Feral cats 24; pets 19.**

Once the \$3500 from the Fruita Outside Agency grant was used, over 30 cats, both feral and pet living in the designated Fruita boundaries were “romantically repaired” through the GVPA general program or other grants. Several more were fixed in the 81501 zip code, outside of the boundaries set up three years ago

Many kittens were pulled from colonies in the specified area of Fruita, bounded by: 16 Rd to the West, 19 Rd to the East, L Rd to the North and the Colorado River, including the Kingsview Estate Subdivision to the South. These kittens were fostered by various volunteers and when ready, adopted out through Loma Cat House, Grand Rivers Humane and Journey Home Animal Care Center (Rifle) Colorado Animal Rescue (Glenwood Springs) and Animal Rescue of the Rockies (Front range). These non-profits paid for the spay/neuter of kittens taken into their programs. Some are still in foster care.

For the big picture, in 2022 GVPA funded 632 sterilization surgeries for cats & dogs (no rabbits in '22) in Mesa County. The majority were cats and of those, mostly colony cats. As of the Spay / Neuter report for 10/18/23, a total of 484 cats, dogs and no rabbits have been spayed or neutered in Mesa County. This is 66 over the same time last year. There is much more to do to reduce the breeding population of cats in Fruita, and all of Mesa County. Fruita is the community that has stepped up to make a difference.

For 2024, would it be possible to extend the grant to all of the 81521 zip code?

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

This project would fall under the Quality of Place City goals. Cats at large, be they pets or feral/abandoned, are often a point of conflict in neighborhoods. By funding spay/neuter of pets and TNR (Trap-Neuter Return) of feral/colony cats, we work to reduce these conflicts and provide a better life for the cats and kittens.

Spay/Neuter of cats will help the citizens, often low income, who care about and provide food, water and shelter for colonies. They consider the cats part of their families.

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

For several years, Mesa County shelters have been overwhelmed with kittens and abandoned pets. This year, 2023, has been the biggest in memory. Local shelters have been at legal limits for some time. If we can sterilize cats they cannot reproduce. Feral cats are not adoptable, they need to be returned to their home area after TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return). Our goal is to stop the colonies from growing and reduce the number of kittens born without a chance of finding a home. Sterilized adult cats will not fight for a mating partner. Vaccinations prevent the spread of disease to other feral cats as well as to pets in the area. Over time the colony residents will age out and the size of the group declines.

There is considerable evidence that elimination of a colony of feral cats and/or abandoned pets creates a vacuum. This vacuum will be filled by even more feral cats. The TNR of a managed colony is the best way to reduce problems. Providing this alternative to the overpopulation problem definitely fits under the City's goal of Quality of Place.

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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.

GVPA has a general program that is funded by donations, fundraisers and grants. It's used to pay for Spay/Neuter countywide, including Fruita urban and rural.

Business donors and grants to the general program in 2023 have come from:

\$5000 Summerlee Foundation

\$2000 Western Colorado Community Foundation (Anonymous fund)

\$ 600 Western Colorado Community Foundation, Lorraine & Jack Walker Fund

\$3000 Western Colorado Community Foundation, Trutta Fund for Veteran Support (PETS FOR VETS) (2022 - 2023) for spay / neuter of pet ats, dogs or rabbits owned by Veterans of the USA armed forces, and active duty service members

\$3000 Western Colorado Community Foundation, Trutta Fund for Veteran Support (PETS FOR VETS) (2023 - 2024) This 2nd grant also covers up to \$100 towards adoption fees of a pet for a Veteran from a Colorado 501 (c) (3) shelter as well as S/N.

\$1000 Sam's Club

**\$2000 Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (2022 - 2023) For owned pet cats
& dogs of income qualified**

\$4000 Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (2023 - 2024)

The Fruita Thrift Stop has supported GVPA for several years., last year with a donation of \$3000. We are on their meeting agenda for 10/20/23.

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 has been funding spay/neuter countywide since 2014 and will continue to do so as funding allows. Currently we have a short waiting list for the general program, which includes dogs and rabbits.

A pdf of the spread sheet to show how the \$3500 from the 2022 award was spent is attached.

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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.

If the requested amount of \$6000 is granted, that funding would go in full to pay for spay/neuter and immunizations of cats in the specified area of Fruita. GVPA is all volunteer, with no rent or overhead. Yearly expenses consist of office supplies, printing and occasionally fees for a space at events such as Arbor Day.

Our budget is based on what we have done in prior years. When funds come in, vouchers are issued.

Expenses

Line Item Description

FERAL / COLONY CATS

Spay female cat + rabies & distemper vaccines	\$105
Neuter male cat+ rabies & distemper vaccines	\$ 90

PET CATS

Spay female cat \$90 towards the \$100 total

Neuter male cat \$75 towards the \$85 total

Vaccines are available at the time of surgery for \$26 each, rabies and distemper.

TOTAL EXPENSES \$6000 would pay for the spay/neuter of approximately 90 cats, depending on which price category they are in.

On occasion, cats are trapped that have already been spayed or neutered. In this case, feral cats would have been given anesthesia before they could be examined, which costs \$25. Such cats would be vaccinated against rabies and distemper and ear tipped.

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Revenues

See above discussion: In 2022 total revenue was \$51,964.91

Total expenses \$41,578.47. (Please see report)

Sources of Revenue

See financial report and above listed grants and major donations

TOTAL REVENUES

Funding Committed? Y/N

Amount

ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION:

I certify that GRAND VALLEY PETS ALIVE (organization) is an eligible agency for receipt of funds pursuant to Section 2 of the City of Fruita Outside Agency Funding Policy (Exhibit B); that all information reported in this application and attached is true, accurate and complete; that I am authorized to make application on behalf of the above organization and have been designated as such by the Board of Directors; and that I will provide written notice of any changes or additions to this information.

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I understand the organization may need to make a brief presentation and/or provide additional information during the evaluation process and that a written agreement will be required if funds are awarded.

Signature: Title: Carole Chowen, President, Spay / Neuter Coordinator

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Date: 10/19/23

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED

IRS Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code unless organization is a governmental or quasi-governmental entity.

Statement of support for this funding request from the board of directors or governing body of the organization See what was submitted in 2022.

Copy of budget for the current fiscal year (Note – If an electronic copy is available on your website you may provide the url in lieu of a hard copy)

Copy of financial statements for most recent year (Note – If an electronic copy is available on your website you may provide the url in lieu of a hard copy)

Letter(s) of support. See those submitted in 2022.

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EXHIBIT A CITY GOALS

WHY FRUITA? The City of Fruita focuses on three strategic outcomes built upon a base of providing quality core services.

Quality of Place (QP)

The City of Fruita is a community where residents and visitors love where they are. The City strives to be a bike and pedestrian friendly community by providing a system of sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes that connect our parks, schools, neighborhoods, civic facilities, and commercial areas. We value safe

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neighborhoods, our geographic natural resources and landscapes, top tier education and healthcare, and we collaborate to provide quality essential infrastructure and services. We are an inclusive community of doers who enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

Economic Health (EH)

The City of Fruita strives to be financially sustainable by enabling a stable economy and supporting a diversity of businesses that offer well paying jobs that attract educated employees. The City works to be fiscally responsible and continuously seeks ways to allocate resources to services and projects that have the highest impact on the City's priorities. We are the innovative leader for economic development in the Grand Valley.

Lifestyle (L)

The City of Fruita fosters a fun and funky ambiance by celebrating the local arts, farm and ranching history, unique leisure opportunities, and family-friendly events and activities. As a city, we encourage a diversity of cultural opportunities, businesses, and recreational activities. We continue to improve and enhance recreational offerings from traditional to outdoor adventure sports and youth to adult activities. We are a family-friendly community with diverse cultural opportunities, businesses and recreational amenities where visitors feel like locals and locals play like visitors.



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EXHIBIT B

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING POLICY CITY OF FRUITA, COLORADO

SECTION 1: POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Fruita, Colorado to consider funding requests from agencies committed to providing community service programs that fulfill a public purpose in that the services to be performed benefit, promote, serve and enhance the quality of life for the Fruita community at large for a cost or in a manner that the City could not provide more efficiently or for less cost.

This policy promotes the concept that the most efficient use of taxpayer funds for contributions to outside agencies are direct contributions that are used for the intended purpose of providing community service programs. Therefore, the City does not contribute funds for fund raising events in which a portion of the contribution is used to offset the cost of fund raising (e.g. tickets for banquets and similar events).

SECTION 2: ELIGIBLE AGENCIES

An eligible agency must be a not-for-profit (public or private), charitable (public or private), governmental, or quasi-governmental entity organized and existing under Colorado law. The agency must be recognized by and provide proof of tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, unless the agency is a governmental or quasi-governmental entity.

An agency complying with this provision, but whose proposed service program or project fails to meet the evaluation criteria presented in Section 3 of this policy, may not receive funds from the City.

An agency complying with this provision, but whose proposed service program or project duplicates services or projects provided by another agency may not receive funds from the City.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

The City's process for funding an outside agency request is as follows:

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- 3.1 The City of Fruita should receive all funding requests from outside agencies no later than September 30, 2022 for consideration for funding in the following fiscal year.
This allows for consideration of the funding requests as part of the development of the operating budget for the following year.
- 3.2 Funding available for outside agency requests will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the budget process.
- 3.3 The availability of funds awarded will be subsequent to January 1 for the funding cycle of each year and released accordingly upon receipt

of invoice and any required supporting documentation.

- 3.4 City operations and capital expenditures will receive priority over all funding requests from outside agencies. Funding Requests from outside agencies will be treated as the lowest priority in the budget process and will be considered only after meeting the other needs of the City government.
- 3.5 The City of Fruita reserves the right to terminate funding for outside agencies at any time. Approval of funding for one fiscal year does not impose a commitment on the City for funding in future years.
- 3.6 No funding decision shall be considered final until the City Council adopts the budget and all aspects of the agency's responsibilities and the conditions under which payment for the agency's services will be rendered have been met.
- 3.7 City funding shall only be used for the purpose and service for which the funding is requested and approved by the City. Any deviation from the approved funding request may be made only by the City's prior, written approval. If not, funds must be returned immediately to the City.

SECTION 4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The City Council may utilize the criteria listed below in the evaluation and prioritization of funding requests.

4.1 Agency's ability to demonstrate the effectiveness and relevancy of a project or service to the community.



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- 4.2 The ability to meet a specific or relevant need in the community.
- 4.3 Relationship to the City's mission, goals and/or objectives
- 4.4 The likelihood the project will produce successful results.
- 4.5 Service impact or benefit to the businesses and citizens of Fruita and the number of citizens/businesses, geographic areas and specific impact (quantified).
- 4.6 The effectiveness of the services and/or program and the impact on the City of Fruita community based upon measurable performance data.
- 4.7 The agency's history of success.
- 4.8 Effective use of requested funding, including matching contributions, additional sources, and effort of outside search for financial assistance.
- 4.9 The financial need of the agency and its ability to implement the services and/or programs based upon available resources.
- 4.10 The ability of the agency to continue the project or service after the funding cycle without an ongoing operational award from the City to

this service.

- 4.11 The amount of previous funding requests and the amount received from the City of Fruita
- 4.12 Budgetary constraints on available funds.

SECTION 5 SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Agencies must adhere to the following instructions for submittal of the Funding Requests:

- 5.1 The Funding Request should be submitted to the City of Fruita by October 15.
- 5.2 The appropriate agency authorities must complete, sign and date the Funding Request

SECTION 6 REQUIRED INFORMATION

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Funding Requests should contain the following information and/or documentation.

- 6.1 Amount requested from the City of Fruita
- 6.2 A brief narrative of the agency's program(s) and demonstrated benefit to the citizens of Fruita and relationship to helping the City achieve its goals and priorities.
- 6.3 An official statement of support for the Funding Request from the governing body of the agency.
- 6.4 A copy of the budget for the fiscal year the funds are being requested) must accompany the request. In addition, a copy of the budget or financial statements for the previous fiscal year must accompany the request. These documents may also be provided through email or a link to these documents online.
- 6.5 A copy of the Section 501(c) declaration by the Internal Revenue Service must accompany the Funding Request.
- 6.6 Completed Outside Agency Funding Application.
- 6.7 Letters of support.
- 6.8 Additional supporting documents and information that may be requested by the City.

SECTION 7 AGENCY REQUIREMENTS AFTER RECEIPT OF FUNDING

- 7.1 Financial Report. Agencies must provide an annual report of the expenditure of city funds.
- 7.2 Performance Report. Agencies must provide an annual report on the effectiveness of services or projects for which the agency received

- funding.

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