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Full Legal Organization Name (Required)	Suncoast Animal League, Inc
Street Address (Required)	1030 Pennsylvania Ave
City (Required)	Palm Harbor
State (Required)	FL
Zip Code (Required)	34683
Organization Website (URL)	suncoastanimalleague.org
Organization President / Executive Director (Required)	Rick Chaboudy
Title (Required)	President/Executive Director
Phone Number (Required)	727-542-8945
Email Address (Required)	rick.chaboudy@suncoastanimalleague.org
501(c)(3)? (Required)	Yes
Registered in Florida? (Required)	Yes
Year Established	2006

(Required)		
Total Organization Annual Budget (Required)	\$984,906	
Taxpayer / Employer ID # (Required)	020787661	
Brief Description of Organization and It's Mission (approx. 600 characters) (Required)	A no time limit, no kill animal shelter. We care for cats, dogs & wildlife. We treat each animal as an individual & provide the care that they need to be the best they can be. Our goal is adoption for all cats & dogs and release for all wildlife. All cats & dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated & provided with heartworm & flea prevention prior to adoption. We treat heartworm positive dogs and provide major surgical procedures when necessary. We assist all County shelters in the Bay area and often take their more difficult cases.	
Project Name (Required)	Suncoast Animal League Spay/Neuter Clinic	
Requested Program Budget (Required)	\$19,971.00	
Community Need: Describe the problem or need to be addressed by this project. (Required)	The overpopulation of cats and dogs have always been a problem and continues to be so. In fact, the current situation is as bad as ever remembered with shelters and rescue groups, not just in our area but all over the country, being at critical overcrowding. The situation is being worsened by the fact that spay and neuter appointments are now taking as long as 7-8 weeks compared to the traditional 1-2 weeks, at outside vets. Suncoast Animal League uses seven different veterinarian offices for our spays and neuters and it appointments are still booked out that long. It causes backups for adoptions which cause space issues and our ability to help more animals.	
Project Summary: Describe how the project will be fully implemented and how it will address the need or gap in the community. Identify and describe other	By having our own spay and neuter clinic, we can expedite our entire adoption program which will allow us to help more animals, which is critical right now. We will also be able to help other groups who are facing the same situation, which will in turn allow them to help more animals. We will also be able to assist with stray cat projects and eventually assist the public. Because of these issues and the problem getting worse, we decided to take matters into our own hands. We already have two veterinarians committed to the project and one has owned three different spay/neuter clinics.  I March of 2022, Suncoast Animal League purchased a property at 1014 Ohio Ave in Palm Harbor. We paid \$320,000 for the property,	

funding sources, if any, for this project/program. (Required)

including the building and we paid cash for it. Next, we brought in our Vet Supply Company and they provided us with a layout of the plan and surgical supply list. We then had everything approved by our Veterinarian. As of now, the surgical equipment costs is \$67,000 but will probably rise with a few additional equipment expenses. We are currently raising 50 % of the supply costs in order for the supplies to be ordered. We expect to place the order in the next week or so as we have almost raised the necessary funds through private individuals. Once ordered, we will need to payoff the remaining balance for the equipment prior to installation. There will also be some property improvements, such as, fencing and small renovations that will also be needed. We feel that we have been fiscally prudent with the project and could certainly use additional help with a grant from your FY23 MSTU Project Fund.

Program
Outcomes:
Describe the
time-line by
which the
project will be
implemented
including shortterm and longterm results.
(Required)

In March of 2022, Suncoast Animal League purchased the property at 1014 Ohio Ave. in Palm Harbor. As of July 27th, we are about to order the surgical equipment. Once ordered, we are told the supplies will take 3-4 months to be delivered. Installation should be very soon after the delivery. We would like to open our clinic before the end of 2022. Our main veterinarian has owned and operated three different spay and neuter clinics in the past so once we have a firm grip on the project we will open it up to help other groups and individuals. The building, as is, has room for expansion.

At some point, we hope to build a new building on the property, which is 200 feet deep, move all current equipment to the new building and provide a large volume spay and neuter clinic for the public.

Describe how your project aligns with the County's Strategic Plan: (Required) I believe Suncoast Animal League already provides first class services to the public. I also believe our new clinic will only improve relationships and provide more available services to the public.

Animals play such a huge part in family dynamics that any time services can be provided to assist their well being it can only help their caregivers. The less strays on the streets are a benefit to all, it lessens the chance for disease or injuries from stray animals.

How many species of Florida wildlife are killed every year from stray cats and dogs? If we can curb the number of strays roaming the streets that are local wildlife will greatly benefit. Our property has a number of very old, large Oak trees which we will work around and preserve their existence.

By providing more services at a lower cost will benefit everyone including taking some of the strain off of Pinellas County Animal Services. We will also be providing a few more employment opportunities.

The Suncoast Animal Clinic will be open to everyone just as the

	Suncoast Animal League is open to all. those who are economically challenged.	
Additional Information	Pinellas_County_Grant.pdf (1.05 MB)	(separate attachment) for equipment items specific to this request which total \$19,971.00
Authorized Signature (Printed Name / Title) (Required)	Rick Chaboudy, President and Executiv	•
Authorization Date (Required)	07-27-2022	

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