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Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**\$31,000**

Fixin' Fresno - No Nuts Left Behind

The Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will offer the residents of the City of Fresno who are located in areas of high stray cat/dog populations, subsidized low cost cat and dog spays/neuters for a total of 600 spay/neuter surgeries in one year's time.

Chula Vista Animal Care Facility**\$31,800**

CVACF Spay Shuttle 2019 Free and Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

Chula Vista Animal Care Facility (CVACF) is a municipal animal shelter in San Diego County that currently provides free and low cost spay/neuter services to publicly owned animals on a small scale (600 animals spay/neutered yearly) via the city owned mobile spay bus, the Spay Shuttle. With this grant, CVACF will be able to spay/neuter approximately 1,000 animals in 2019 for our community. The Spay Shuttle has been in operation since 2012 and has a current waiting list of 1-2 months for spay/neuter appointments. The Spay Shuttle is the only municipal government operated spay/neuter service in San Diego County. It currently operates the most cost-effective spay/neuter service provided in San Diego County.

City of Moreno Valley - Animal Services Division**\$20,000**

Project "SNIP-MV" - Spay and Neuter Incentive Program - Mo Val

Funding will be allocated to provide no cost spay-neuter services to: Low income residents who own an unaltered dog or cat and meet the County of Riverside's Very Low Income Limits of 50% of medium income based on number of family members in household; U.S. Veterans who own an unaltered dog or cat; Individuals who are Homeless and who own an unaltered dog or cat; Subsidize the spay-neuter state mandate for all dogs and cats adopted to the public by a municipal animal shelter.

City of San Jose Animal Care and Services Division**\$50,000**

2Tiny Kitten Village Project

The City of San Jose Animal Care and Services Division is starting a new program to incentivize community cat rescue groups to pull more kittens from our shelter during kitten season. Grant funds will be used to offer a free spay/neuter voucher to accompany any kitten pulled by rescue. The surgeries will be done at the shelter by contract veterinarians/agencies and/or through off-site partner organizations.

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City of Turlock Animal Services**\$15,000**

Turlock Stop the Litters Program

Residents of the City Limits of Turlock can obtain a free spay or neuter voucher for their dog or cat while supplies last. The owner will make an appointment with a participating Veterinary office for spay and neuter of the pet listed on the voucher. The City of Turlock will provide a free microchip, rabies vaccines and license for qualified pets. Vouchers are limited to household pet restriction per the Turlock Municipal Code 6-1-105.

Critters Without Litters**\$40,200**

Fix Before Six Program

Critters Without Litters will provide subsidized spay/neuter services for pets under the age of six months so that the cost to the pet owner to have their pet sterilized is \$20.

Hayward Animal Services**\$6,700**

Neuter and Spay the Heart of the Bay

The Hayward Animal Shelter, a municipal shelter serving the city of Hayward, is requesting \$6,700 to support our trap, neuter, return (TNR) program in the 94544 zip-code, a low-income area with a high number of feral cat colonies. These funds will support the shelter's TNR effort by subsidizing spay/neuter services for feral cats, as well as providing for the cost of humane traps. With these funds, the Hayward Animal Shelter will be able to expand our existing TNR program, supporting shelter efforts to raise community awareness while providing local residents with trapping knowledge and resources. Funds provided to the TNR program directly support the reduction of feral cat euthanasia rates, dramatically reducing the overall euthanasia rate at the shelter.

Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley**\$23,551**

Spay and Neuter Voucher Program

The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley will provide affordable spay and neuter options for residents both for their pets and for stray animals to help fight overpopulation and reduce shelter intake.

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Kern County Animal Services Department

\$45,949

Pittie Protection Program (PPP)

Kern County Animal Services Department requests funding for a spay/neuter voucher program that targets Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes. The purpose is to reduce the number of Pits and Pit mixes coming into the shelter, thus reducing the number of unwanted dogs euthanized. The vouchers will be distributed to the public at each of the three shelters, as well as from family resource centers in outlying communities and other city jurisdictions within Kern County who partner in spay/neuter efforts. Anyone who owns a Pit or Pit Mix and is a resident of the unincorporated area of Kern County, City of Tehachapi, or City of Arvin is eligible for the service. Our outreach will target low-income areas that are most in need of this service.

Lake Elsinore

\$20,000

Spay & Neuter LE

The City of Lake Elsinore is requesting a \$20,000 grant to implement two new programs aimed at reducing pet overpopulation and saving hundreds of animals' lives for years to come. The first program would be free spay and neuter vouchers for residents of Lake Elsinore to combat the overwhelming number of unaltered pets in our community and to encourage compliance with new City municipal codes. The program will offer spay and neuter services to any resident, despite economic status, and will serve as an opportunity to educate the public about the City's exceptionally high, unaltered pet rate. By offering these vouchers, the City can encourage animal owners to come into compliance with the City's new proposed mandatory spay and neuter laws that went in to effect in May 2019 and deter owners from surrendering animals to avoid fines. The second program is the City's first trap and release program. Last year, 619 stray cats were taken to our shelter and only 14 were returned to owners – this is only 2.2 percent. Recognizing that the City has a significant overpopulation of feral cats, the City aims to reduce future overpopulation by trapping, spaying/neutering these cats, and returning them to their neighborhoods.

Riverside County Department of Animal Services

\$45,800

Riverside County pet overpopulation free spay neuter opportunity.

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services has identified very positive results in the reduction of stray pet impounds by implementing an integrated program of dog licensing outreach and simultaneously providing low and no cost pet altering services. This outreach will continue in the canine population while specifically targeting community cats as well. Stray dog impounds have been reduced by almost 50 percent in some jurisdictions in the process. Riverside County covers a vast expanse of Southern California and our program will provide these services from two stationary clinics and a mobile clinic to underserved communities. Since pit bull type dogs and feral cats make up a significant proportion of shelter impounds, an emphasis on these populations will be maintained.