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Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals **\$43,500**

Fixin' Fresno – No Nuts Left Behind

This grant will offer the residents of Fresno County who are in high poverty areas subsidized low-cost cat and dog spays and neuters for a total of 600 spay and neuter surgeries in one year's time.

Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue Team **\$49,242**

HEART Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Clinics for Underserved Communities

The goal of the Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Clinics for Underserved Communities is to provide free sterilization services for pets of the homeless and low-cost sterilization services for pets of people experiencing financial hardship. Grant funds will be used to pay for these services for people who have submitted applications and meet the criteria so that HEART is reaching people who are truly in need. In addition to spay and neuter, HEART will use non-grant funds to provide vaccines to pets who need them during a pre-surgical exam, as well as services such as hernia repair or removal of deciduous teeth.

Spay-Neuter Action Project **\$45,000**

Support Spay and Neuter in North San Diego County

The Spay-Neuter Action Project provides mobile clinics devoted to increasing access to no and low-cost surgeries for community owned animals in underserved communities. This grant will fund 900 surgeries for publicly owned animals in Unincorporated San Diego County to alleviate pet overpopulation and reduce shelter intake in North County San Diego, specifically in the rural areas.

Sacramento SPCA **\$49,788**

We Pay to Spay

The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) has been operating its We Pay to Spay Program (WPTS) since 2002. WPTS was initiated to address the overpopulation of dogs in the Sacramento region by offering free spay and neuter surgeries to the breeds most found in the SSPCA shelter—pit bulls and Chihuahuas. More than half of the clients who use WPTS services are enrolled in low-income assistance programs, indicating the program is helping those who need it the most. Funding will allow SSPCA to continue providing this service to at least 700 pit bulls and Chihuahuas for the coming year.

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Humboldt Spay Neuter Network**\$39,250**

Spay and Neuter Assistance for Cats

There are currently no free spay and neuter services available in Humboldt County. This project will promote spay and neuter services to prevent pet homelessness and will provide low-cost and free spay and neuter surgeries for 1,450 cats and kittens belonging to, or cared by, verified low-income individuals.

Ventura County Animal Services**\$37,926**

Ventura County Animal Services

Ventura County Animal Services provides a key service to the community by providing sheltering to approximately 5,000 stray (lost/found) animals each year and facilitating reunification with their owners. This project will provide spay and neuter services to cats and dogs that are being reclaimed by their owners as a result of having been brought to the shelter as a lost/stray pet.

Fix Our Ferals dba Animal Fix Clinic**\$50,000**

Animal Fix Clinic Sterilization Subsidy Fund

Animal Fix Clinic strives to make veterinary care accessible to low-income community members. With the pay-what-you-can pricing model, Animal Fix Clinic aims to never turn a patient away for lack of guardian resources. This grant will subsidize at least 500 sterilization procedures.

East Bay SPCA**\$49,762**

Humane Advocacy Program Spay and Neuter Services

The Humane Advocacy program at East Bay SPCA prioritizes making meaningful connections and helping pet access low-cost spay and neuter services for their beloved animal family members. This grant will allow East Bay SPCA to provide 240 low-cost, subsidized families with low-income spay or neuter surgeries to eligible pet families. To be eligible, families must reside in Alameda or Contra Costa Counties and must be able to demonstrate financial hardship and/or show some documented form of government assistance.

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Valley Oak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Pet Lover's TNR Project

Valley Oak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (VOSPCA) Veterinary Clinic will provide low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for approximately 800 feral cats in Tulare, Kings, and Southern Fresno Counties. VOSPCA will provide spay and neuter surgeries and will partner with Visalia Feral Cat Coalition to cover the scheduling, intake, paperwork, traps, recovery oversight, clinic background help, and coordination of 12 mass trappings over the grant period.