

# California Department of Food and Agriculture 2025 Pet Lover's Spay and Neuter Grant Program Project Abstracts

## **Pet Lover's License Plate Project Abstracts**

### **East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

**\$50,000**

#### *Humane Advocacy Spay and Neuter Voucher Program*

The Humane Advocacy program aims to establish meaningful connections and assist low-income pet families in accessing affordable spay and neuter services. This project will support the provision of 320 vouchers for low-cost spay or neuter surgeries to qualifying pet families. Eligibility requires residency in Alameda or Contra Costa counties and a demonstrated need for financial assistance. Applicants can indicate their income range or mention any financial barriers in the voucher application process. Currently, 94 percent of applicants are under the 250 percent Federal Poverty Line.

### **Fix Nation, Inc.**

**\$50,000**

#### **FixNation Community Cat Spay/Neuter (TNR) Program**

To humanely reduce the community cat population (feral, stray, and homeless) in Los Angeles City and County, a free high-volume spay/neuter clinic operates as part of a Community Cat Spay/Neuter (trap, neuter, return; TNR) Program. This program allows trappers and local residents to bring community cats for spay/neuter surgeries.

In 2023, the clinic sterilized a record 18,041 cats, with 79 percent being community cats. The goal for 2025 is to exceed 18,000 cats sterilized, with 65 - 70 percent expected to be community cats. Monthly evaluations measure success and help control the community cat population, providing essential services to the local community.

### **Fix Our Ferals dba Animal Fix Clinic**

**\$50,000**

#### **Pet Lover's Sterilization Subsidy Fund at Animal Fix Clinic**

Animal Fix Clinic is a non-profit veterinary surgical clinic for cats and dogs located in the San Francisco Bay Area. Its mission is to increase access to veterinary care by offering low- to no-cost spay/neuter and other lifesaving services. A pay-what-you-can pricing model is implemented to ensure that no pet is turned away due to financial constraints. As one of the few low- to no-cost spay/neuter providers in the region, the clinic serves patients from across the Bay Area and beyond.

The clinic aims to establish a \$50,000 Pet Lover's Sterilization Subsidy Fund to subsidize the cost of at least 500 spay/neuter procedures. This fund is designed to enhance access to spay/neuter services, help combat pet overpopulation, assist underserved community members, alleviate the burden on local animal shelters and rescue organizations, and positively affect the lives of numerous animals and their guardians. The effectiveness of the Pet Lover's Sterilization Subsidy Fund will be assessed using metrics such as the number of procedures completed, the geographic and demographic profiles of beneficiaries, and feedback from follow-up surveys.

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**Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals****\$50,000**

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**Sacramento SPCA We Pay to Spay**

The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) has been running the We Pay to Spay Program (WPTS) since 2002. This initiative aims to address the overpopulation of the two breeds most frequently found in shelters, Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas (along with their mixes). WPTS provides spay/neuter surgeries for publicly owned animals at a significantly reduced cost. Currently, it is recognized as the most affordable canine spay/neuter program available in the Sacramento area and has consistently been relied upon over the years. Altering animals is crucial to preventing unwanted litters that may end up in shelters, but the costs of these procedures at other local clinics can be prohibitive for many pet owners. This project will sustain this program and support those in need for another year by facilitating the alteration of 825 more dogs.

### **Prevention Fund Project Abstracts**

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**Humane Society of Napa County SPCA, Inc.****\$50,000**

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**Fix for a Better Future: Napa Humane Cat Care Initiative**

The Napa Humane Cat Care Initiative addresses feline overpopulation in the Lake, Napa, and Solano tri-county areas by providing low-cost spay/neuter services. The program aims to perform 1,000 subsidized surgeries to reduce shelter intakes and euthanasia rates, particularly for cats in local shelters and low-income households. In 2023, 6 percent of surgeries supported income-eligible families, highlighting the program's impact on underserved communities. Success will be evaluated through shelter intake data, total surgeries performed, and client surveys, with results assessed in early 2026. This initiative seeks to sustainably improve the welfare of cats in the region.

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**Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network****\$50,000**

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***Spay and Neuter Assistance for Cats and Dogs***

This project addresses the critical need for accessible and affordable spay/neuter surgeries in Humboldt County, where high veterinary costs and poverty hinder access. With 18 percent of residents below the poverty line and rural communities facing long travel times, many pet owners struggle to afford these services, exacerbating pet overpopulation and increasing feral animal numbers. The initiative aims to expand Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network's services to spay/neuter an additional 1,650 cats and 115 dogs in one year, focusing on underserved rural areas. Success will be measured through data tracking, including treatment numbers, client demographics, and geographic reach, while community feedback will identify high-need areas to optimize strategies. Outcomes will guide future initiatives, ensuring ongoing support for low-income pet owners and improving animal welfare in Humboldt County.

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**Nine Lives Foundation****\$37,054**

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TNR and Community Low-Cost Cat Spay and Neuter Program

This project aims to spay/neuter an additional 600 cats, primarily focusing on trap, neuter, release (TNR), by increasing the availability of a part-time spay/neuter veterinarian. With a fully equipped surgery suite and a skilled team, the facility can increase surgeries at a minimal additional cost. The veterinarian can perform over 40 surgeries per day, for a total of 44 operating days over a one-year period. Success will be measured by the number of surgeries completed.

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**San Diego Spay-Neuter Action Project****\$49,620**

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Low-Cost Spay/Neuter for North San Diego County Pets

This project aims to alleviate pet overpopulation and reduce animal shelter intake in North San Diego County. The Spay-Neuter Action Project (SNAP) operates mobile clinics that provide free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. This grant will provide funding for medical and surgical supplies for 48 clinics, each serving 30 pets from low-income households. The initiative will cover both rural areas (Fallbrook, Julian, Ramona, Valley Center) and urban cities (Oceanside, Escondido). Currently, only 30 percent of requests can be accommodated due to funding limitations. This project will enable 1,440 additional surgeries, moving closer to the goal of 10,000 surgeries annually. SNAP tracks clinic data and service requests to align future operations with community needs.

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**Siskiyou Humane Society, Inc.****\$49,500**

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Expanding Access to Spay/Neuter Vouchers for Siskiyou County Residents

The Siskiyou Humane Society (SHS) spay/neuter voucher program subsidized \$49,500 in 2024, providing 124 dog vouchers (\$200 each) and 247 cat vouchers (\$100 each). However, demand exceeded funding, leaving some pet owners unable to participate. The 2025 project aims to expand the program by 200 percent, addressing unmet needs and assisting more low-income populations in rural Siskiyou County, ultimately improving animal welfare and reducing pet overpopulation.

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**Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for Monterey County****\$49,000**

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SPCA Monterey County Community Cat Project

For nearly 50 years, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for Monterey County has offered low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, completing over 186,000 procedures since its clinic opened in 1976. In 2023, 6,900 surgeries were performed at a cost of \$45 each. In October 2022, the organization launched the Community Cat Project to provide free spay/neuter services for trap, neuter, and return (TNR) efforts, aiming to sterilize over 1,400 cats in 2024. This grant will sustain this initiative in 2025 and continue addressing pet overpopulation in Monterey County by providing 1,400 free surgeries.