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**Date: August 26, 2024**

**To: Secretary Kevin M. Atticks**

**From: Jen Swanson, Program Coordinator**

**Re: Funding Memo for the FY25 Funding Cycle for the Maryland Spay and Neuter Grants Program**

The Spay and Neuter Grants Program Advisory Board (SNAB) is pleased to present the following list of grant funding recommendations for your approval. Due to some seasonality factors inherent in this work, these organizations and their projects summarized below are greatly dependent on the receipt of these funds as soon as possible, to begin work and ensure maximum success. With your approval we will move forward processing the necessary agreements to commit the funds. We are happy to meet and discuss these recommendations at your convenience, should you have any questions or concerns.

The Request for Proposals resulted in 38 applications. As a result of a thorough comparative review by the SNAB, the following 36 applications were determined as having potential cost-effective benefit to low-income pet owners or community cats (colonies of unowned, free-roaming cats) and the greatest potential to reduce intake and euthanasia rates in county shelters, while providing resources to as many counties as possible and maximizing the program's budget for this year.

The following table summarizes the recommended applications. They are in order of ranking based on the average cumulative scores by the SNAB.

<b>RANK</b>	<b>APPLYING ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>REF #</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED FUNDING</b>	<b>TARGET COUNTY(IES)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Baltimore Animal Rescue &amp; Care Shelter (BARCS)</b>	<b>25-10011</b>	<b>\$56,250</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>
<b>This grant will fund 750 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>Baltimore Animal Rescue &amp; Care Shelter (BARCS)</b>	<b>25-10012</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>
<b>This grant will fund 1,500 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.</b>				
<b>3</b>	<b>Sunshine's Friends Cat &amp; Dog Rescue</b>	<b>25-10049</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Anne Arundel, Howard</b>
<b>This grant will fund 470 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.</b>				

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4	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	25-10050	\$18,000	Anne Arundel, Howard
This grant will fund 360 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
5	Talbot Humane	25-10027	\$61,000	Talbot, Dorchester
This grant will fund 650 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
6	Forgotten Cats	25-10086a	\$21,432	Worcester
This grant will fund 376 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
7	Maryland SPCA, Inc.	25-10013	\$56,517	Baltimore City
This grant will fund 938 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
8	HART for Animals, Inc.	25-10007	\$47,275	Allegany, Garrett
This grant will fund 525 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
9	Forgotten Cats	25-10086b	\$72,930	Wicomico
This grant will fund 1,275 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
10	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	25-10001	\$23,235	Anne Arundel
This grant will fund 326 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
11	Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter	25-10101	\$11,040	Calvert
This grant will fund 160 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
12	Alley Cat Rescue, Inc.	25-10062	\$20,400	Prince George's
This grant will fund 240 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				

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13	Laurel Cats, Inc.	25-10010	\$63,040	Prince George's
This grant will fund 788 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
14	Humane Society of Somerset County	25-10032	\$15,000	Somerset
This grant will fund 300 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
15	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	25-10002	\$42,480	Anne Arundel
This grant will fund 640 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
16	Baltimore County Animal Services	25-10040	\$60,000	Baltimore
This grant will fund 1,500 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
17	Feral Cat Rescue, Inc.	25-10064	\$24,000	St. Mary's
This grant will fund 300 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
18	A Cat's Life Rescue	25-10094	\$21,750	Prince George's
This grant will fund 300 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
19	Prince George's County Animal Services	25-10019	\$9,500	Prince George's
This grant will fund 90 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
20	Shadow Cats TNR	25-10078	\$15,000	Harford, Baltimore, Cecil
This grant will fund 300 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
21	Chesapeake Feline Association	25-10046	\$22,330	Cecil, Harford
This grant will fund 385 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				

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22	Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control	25-10059	\$7,680	Anne Arundel
This grant will fund 72 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
23	Caroline County Humane Society	25-10004	\$34,610	Caroline
This grant will fund 395 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
24	Cecil County Animal Services	25-10073	\$40,500	Cecil
This grant will fund 540 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
25	February Star Sanctuary	25-10092	\$5,467	Frederick
This grant will fund 76 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
26	Caroline County Humane Society	25-10003	\$22,125	Caroline
This grant will fund 210 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
27	Last Chance Animal Rescue	25-10042	\$14,080	Prince George's
This grant will fund 176 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
28	St. Mary's Animal Welfare League	25-10079	\$23,810	St. Mary's
This grant will fund 207 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
29	City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter	25-10111	\$9,765	Prince George's
This grant will fund 114 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
30	Queen Anne's County Animal Services	25-10099	\$7,975	Queen Anne's
This grant will fund 76 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
31	Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition	25-10098	\$5,440	Montgomery
This grant will fund 68 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				

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<b>32</b>	<b>City of New Carrollton</b>	<b>25-10110</b>	<b>\$5,760</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>This grant will fund 72 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.</b>				
<b>33</b>	<b>Baywater Animal Rescue</b>	<b>25-10095</b>	<b>\$5,825</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>
<b>This grant will fund 32 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.</b>				
<b>34</b>	<b>Somerset County Dog Control</b>	<b>25-10105</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>Somerset</b>
<b>This grant will fund 22 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs of low-income Marylanders.</b>				
<b>35</b>	<b>Prince George's County Animal Services</b>	<b>25-10020</b>	<b>\$9,300</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>This grant will fund 120 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.</b>				
<b>36</b>	<b>City of College Park</b>	<b>25-10113</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>This grant will fund 26 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.</b>				
<b>Total Number of Proposed Spay/Neuter Procedures:</b> <b>14,379</b>			<b>Total Grant Amount Proposed:</b> <b>\$959,216</b>	

cc: Caroline Griffin (SNAB Chair)