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To: Secretary Kevin M. Atticks

From: Jen Swanson, Program Coordinator

Re: Funding Memo for the FY26 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 40 applications. As a result of a thorough comparative review by the SNAB, the following 38 applications were determined as having potential cost-effective benefit to low-income pet owners or feral cats, the greatest potential to reduce intake and euthanasia rates in county shelters, to provide resources to as many counties as possible, and maximize 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 Board.

RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
1	Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter (BARCS)	26-11012	\$72,000.00	Baltimore City
This grant will fund at least 1,800 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
2	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	26-11050	\$22,000.00	Anne Arundel, Howard
This grant will fund at least 400 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
3	Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter (BARCS)	26-11011	\$56,250.00	Baltimore City
This grant will fund at least 750 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				

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4	Baltimore County Animal Services	26-11040	\$32,000.00	Baltimore Co
This grant will fund at least 800 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
5	Forgotten Cats	26-11086	\$74,750.00	Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester
This grant will fund at least 1,300 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
6	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	26-11049	\$42,260.00	Anne Arundel, Howard
This grant will fund at least 525 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
7	Talbot Humane	26-11027	\$58,500.00	Talbot, Dorchester
This grant will fund at least 600 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
8	Rude Ranch Cat & Dog Rescue	26-11001	\$32,000.00	Anne Arundel
This grant will fund at least 480 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
9	HART for Animals	26-11007	\$47,275.00	Allegany, Garrett
This grant will fund at least 525 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
10	Beltsville Community Cats	26-11090	\$19,520.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 244 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
11	Shadow Cats TNR	26-11078	\$12,500.00	Harford, Baltimore Co, Cecil
This grant will fund at least 250 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
12	City of New Carrollton	26-11109	\$8,400.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 80 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				

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13	Laurel Cats	26-11010	\$27,000.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 270 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
14	Maryland SPCA	26-11013	\$75,000.00	Baltimore City
This grant will fund at least 1,190 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
15	Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter	26-11101	\$11,550.00	Calvert
This grant will fund at least 160 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
16	Rude Ranch Cat & Dog Rescue	26-11002	\$61,750.00	Anne Arundel
This grant will fund at least 950 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
17	Cecil County Animal Services	26-11073	\$61,375.00	Cecil
This grant will fund at least 700 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
18	Chesapeake Feline Association	26-11046	\$20,300.00	Cecil
This grant will fund at least 350 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
19	Laurel Cats	26-11009	\$20,000.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 200 spay and neuter surgeries for pet cats of low-income Marylanders.				
20	Chesapeake Feline Association	26-11045	\$11,500.00	Cecil
This grant will fund at least 200 spay and neuter surgeries for pet cats of low-income Marylanders.				
21	Humane Society of Somerset County	26-11032	\$16,200.00	Somerset
This grant will fund at least 270 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
22	Feral Cat Rescue	26-11064	\$14,400.00	St. Mary's
This grant will fund at least 180 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				

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23	A Cat's Life Rescue	26-11094	\$32,320.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 404 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
24	Caroline County Humane Society	26-11004	\$20,960.00	Caroline
This grant will fund at least 226 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
25	Last Chance Animal Rescue	26-11042	\$16,200.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 180 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
26	Humane Society of Wicomico County	26-11025	\$6,480.00	Wicomico
This grant will fund at least 66 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
27	City of Greenbelt	26-11111	\$6,760.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 104 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
28	Alley Cat Rescue	26-11062	\$7,700.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 88 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
29	February Star Sanctuary	26-11092	\$9,995.00	Frederick
This grant will fund at least 125 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
30	Baywater Animal Rescue	26-11095	\$10,525.00	Dorchester
This grant will fund at least 72 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
31	Snip Tuck	26-11052	\$6,800.00	Dorchester
This grant will fund at least 136 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
32	Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition (MCC3)	26-11098	\$9,120.00	Montgomery
This grant will fund at least 114 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				

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33	Caroline County Humane Society	26-11003	\$25,165.00	Caroline
This grant will fund at least 202 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
34	Queen Anne's County Animal Services	26-11099	\$7,315.00	Queen Anne's
This grant will fund at least 76 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
35	Baltimore Humane Society	26-11005	\$15,030.00	Baltimore Co, Carroll, Harford
This grant will fund at least 126 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
36	Humane Society of Charles County	26-11016	\$15,450.00	Charles
This grant will fund at least 180 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
38	City of College Park	26-11113	\$7,000.00	Prince George's
This grant will fund at least 58 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
39	St. Mary's County Animal Welfare League (SMAWL)	26-11079	\$8,315.00	St. Mary's
This grant will fund at least 63 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
Total Number of Proposed Spay/Neuter Procedures: 14,444		Total Grant Amount Proposed: \$1,001,665.00		

cc: Caroline Griffin (Spay and Neuter Grants Program Advisory Board Chair)