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This report details the activities and accomplishments of each element pertaining to the Maryland Spay and Neuter Grants Program (the Program) for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) covering July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

GRANT PROPOSALS SELECTED

FY17 Funding Cycle:

As a result of the Request for Proposals (RFP) released in January 2016 and subsequent review of all applications by the Advisory Board (the Board), 26 projects were approved by the Secretary of Agriculture (the Secretary) in two memos; one dated June 22, 2016 and one dated August 4, 2016. The following summarizes the FY17 projects approved by the Secretary in early FY17:

Funded Projects for FY17

| Ref.# | Project Title | Applying Organization | Target Area | Award |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| 201 | <i>The Somerset Fix</i> | Humane Society of Somerset County/Rude Ranch | Somerset Co. | \$37,120.00 |
| This project targets 750 pet cats in Crisfield (21817), Deal Island (21821), Marion Station (21838), Princess Anne (21853) and Westover (21871). | | | | |
| 202 | <i>BARCS Baltimore Community Cats</i> | Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) | Baltimore City | \$90,000.00 |



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|---|--|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| This project targets 3,000 feral cats in colonies in 8 zip codes known to be areas of intake to the shelter. | | | | |
| 203 | <i>PurrFix Frederick</i> | Frederick County Animal Control | Frederick Co. | \$31,250.00 |
| This project targets 500 pet cats in 3 zip codes that have disproportionately high number of feline intake and low income residents. | | | | |
| 205 | <i>Westside Spay & Neuter Program (WSNP)</i> | Baltimore County Department of Health | Baltimore Co. | \$45,528.00 |
| This project targets 1,084 pets in 3 low income zip codes in west side of Baltimore County, to complement their previously funded effort that focused on the east side of the county. | | | | |
| 206 | <i>Spay it Forward TNR Initiative</i> | Montgomery County Partners for Animal Wellbeing-MCPAW | Montgomery Co. | \$27,320.00 |
| As a continuation of FY15 and FY16 efforts, this project targets 1,000 pets in hotspots of intake within 6 zip codes in Baltimore City. | | | | |
| 207 | <i>The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program</i> | HART for Animals, Inc. | Allegany and Garrett Cos. | \$46,285.00 |
| This project targets 500 pets throughout both counties, working with Animal Control, Humane Society and social services departments for referrals. | | | | |
| 208 | <i>Allegany County SNIP</i> | Stepping Stone Animal Society | Allegany and Garrett Cos. | \$35,895.00 |
| This project targets 350 pets in 2 zip codes in Allegany Co, and some rural areas in Garrett Co. | | | | |
| 209 | <i>Feral Cat/Kitten Initiative</i> | Humane Society of Kent Co. | Kent Co. | \$9,020.00 |
| This project targets 110 feral cats in colonies that may include Chestertown, Betterton, Rock Hall, Worton, and Kennedyville, depending on colony density. | | | | |
| 210 | <i>Spay and Neuter At Risk and At Large Pets</i> | Anne Arundel County Animal Control and Services | Anne Arundel Co. | \$9,950.00 |
| This project targets 150 at risk pets (roaming history or potential surrenders) for qualified low income residents throughout the county. | | | | |
| 213 | <i>Cheap Fix Cat Clinic</i> | Alley Cat Rescue | Prince Georges Co. | \$22,636.80 |
| This project targets 480 feral cats in known colonies located in Brentwood, Hyattsville, and Mt. Rainer. | | | | |
| 214 | <i>Spay/Neuter St. Mary's Felines</i> | Feral Cat Rescue | St. Mary's Co. | \$12,750.00 |
| This project targets 300 feral cats in known colonies in Lexington Park, California, Hollywood, and Leonardtown. | | | | |



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|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 215 | Compassion for Community Cats Project | Last Chance Animal Rescue | Charles Co. | \$24,662.00 |
| This project targets 400 feral cats in 14 colonies in Waldorf, La Plata, Accokeek, Bryans Road, Pomfret, Tobacco, Bel Alton, and Newburg. | | | | |
| 217 | Embedded Community Outreach in Baltimore City (FY17) | Charm City Companions | Baltimore City | \$23,640.00 |
| This project targets 300 pets of low income residents in two city zip codes in northeast Baltimore City in McElderry Park and eastward. | | | | |
| 219 | Free Spay/Neuter at HSCC | Humane Society of Charles County | Charles Co. | \$23,797.50 |
| This project targets 330 low income pets in zip codes within Waldorf and 8 towns in the county. | | | | |
| 220 | Brunswick Region Feral Fix | Tip Me Frederick | Frederick Co. | \$24,662.90 |
| This project targets 500 feral cats in known colonies and complaint areas in New Brunswick and adjacent towns. | | | | |
| 221 | Don't Pay to Spay | Caroline County Humane Society | Caroline and Dorchester Cos. | \$61,070.00 |
| This project targets an additional 750 pets as a continuation of their previously funded effort throughout Caroline Co. and specific zip codes in Federalsburg, Hurlock, East New Market, Secretary, Rhodesdale, and Vienna in Dorchester. | | | | |
| 224 | East Laurel Apartments-Phase II Unowned Cats | Laurel Cats Inc. | Prince George's Co. | \$11,400.00 |
| In conjunction with ongoing PET cat project, this project would target 200 known feral colonies throughout Laurel. | | | | |
| 225 | Spay & Neuter Project of Glen Burnie's Pets | SPCA of Anne Arundel Co. | Anne Arundel Co. | \$7,047.34 |
| This project targets 140 pets in 4 zip codes in Glen Burnie starting in the Point Pleasant neighborhood. | | | | |
| 226 | Spay/Neuter Midshore Yr 2) | Talbot Humane | Talbot and Dorchester Cos. | \$41,105.00 |
| This project targets 550 pets in a continuation of their previously funded effort throughout Talbot Co. and 6 zip codes in Dorchester, including Cambridge and areas south of the city. | | | | |
| 227 | 2016 Cecil Co.MD Targeted TNR Spay and Neuter Program | Chesapeake Feline Association | Cecil Co. | \$38,655.00 |
| This project targets 500 feral cats in Perryville, North East, and Elkton including commercial areas and one residential area. | | | | |



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| Ref.# | Project Title | Applying Organization | Target Area | Award |
|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 228 | <i>Chesapeake Feline Association Spay/Neuter POD</i> | Chesapeake Feline Association | Cecil Co. | \$20,574.85 |
| This project provides funds for surgical equipment necessary to establish a No Cost/Low Cost Spay and Neuter Surgical Suite in Cecil Co. | | | | |
| 229 | <i>Project Pitbull</i> | Humane Society of Carroll Co. | Carroll Co. | \$10,000.00 |
| This project targets 100 pit bulls and other at risk dogs of low income residents in areas within Westminster. | | | | |
| 230 | <i>Spay-A-Day Keeps the Litter Away (FY17)</i> | Prince George's Co. | Prince George's Co. | \$38,795.00 |
| This project continues their previous effort by targeting 365 pets of low income owners in East Riverdale/Bladensburg, Langley Park, Hillcrest Heights/Marlow Heights, Glassmanor/Oxon Hill, Suitland/Coral Hills, and Kentland/Palmer Park. | | | | |
| 232 | <i>Providing High-Quality Free Spay/Neuter Services for Low-Income Residents of Baltimore City</i> | MD SPCA | Baltimore City | \$104,030.00 |
| As a continuation of FY15 and FY16 efforts, this project targets 1,000 additional pets in hotspots of intake within 6 zip codes in Baltimore City. | | | | |
| 234 | <i>Sunshine's Friends Community Cat TNR</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue | Anne Arundel & Howard Cos. | \$6,112.36 |
| This project targets 100 feral cats in 4 colonies in Jessup, Elkridge and Hanover. | | | | |
| 235 | <i>Sunshine's Friends Local Pet Spay and Neuter</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue | Anne Arundel & Howard Cos. | \$9,502.32 |
| This project targets 135 pets in low income mobile home parks and other low income housing in Jessup, Elkridge and Hanover. | | | | |
| Grand Total: | | | | \$812,809.07 |

FY18 Funding Cycle:

On January 17, 2017 the RFP for applications for the FY18 cycle was released. MDA announced the RFP on the department's website and social media outlets and on the Program's webpage, via email to a listserve of over 200 subscribers and advertised on the Governor's Grants Office webpage (www.grants.maryland.gov). As a result, MDA received 39 applications with a combined request of \$1,297,012.63. All 39 applications were carefully reviewed by the Board and MDA. On June 26, 2017 the Board submitted its recommendations to fund 29 projects to



the Secretary. On June 26, 2017, the Secretary approved all 29 projects for funding. The following summarizes the FY18 projects approved by the Secretary near the end of FY17:

Projects Approved for FY18

| Ref # | Title | Applying Organization | Target Area | Award |
|--|---|--|---------------------|-------------|
| 301 | Free Spay/Neuter for 350 Cats | Humane Society of Washington Co. | Washington Co. | \$12,850.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 350 pet cats of low income residents of Hagerstown. | | | | |
| 302 | Wicomico Spay and Neuter | Humane Society of Wicomico County | Wicomico Co. | \$16,400.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 400 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Salisbury, Pittsville, Delmar, and Fruitland. | | | | |
| 305 | Eastside Spay & Neuter Program II | Baltimore County Department of Health | Baltimore Co. | \$53,462.24 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 1,284 pet cats and dogs of low income residents of Dundalk, Sparrows Point, Middle River, Essex, Baltimore, and Rosedale. | | | | |
| 307 | Howard County Laurel – Free Roaming Cat Reduction: Year One | Laurel Cats Inc. | Howard Co | \$15,400.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 250 feral cats in the Howard County portion of Laurel (zip code 20723). | | | | |
| 308 | BARCS Community Cat Program | Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter-BARCS | Baltimore City | \$75,000.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 2,500 feral cats in Baltimore City zip codes 21213, 21214, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21226, and 21229, (city zip codes known to be areas of intake to the shelter) and provide outreach and education. | | | | |
| 309 | Spay-a-Day Keeps the Litter Away | Prince George’s County | Prince George’s Co. | \$29,925.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 300 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Hillcrest Heights/Marlow Heights, Forestville, Silver Hill, Woodlawn/Lanham, Suitland/Coral Hills, Langley Park, East Riverdale/Bladensburg, Glassmanor/Oxon Hill, and Kentland/Palmer Park. | | | | |



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| Ref # | Title | Applying Organization | Target Area | Award |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 311 | The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program | HART for Animals | Allegany and Garrett Cos. | \$43,098.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 500 pet cats and dogs of low income residents throughout these two largely rural counties. | | | | |
| 312 | The Somerset Fix Continued | Humane Society of Somerset County/Rude Ranch | Somerset Co. | \$34,713.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 600 pet cats of low income residents in Crisfield (21817), Deal Island (21821), Marion Station (21838), Princess Anne (21853), and Westover (21871). | | | | |
| 313 | Don't Pay to Spay | Caroline County Humane Society | Caroline and Dorchester Cos. | \$37,357.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 429 pet cats and dogs of low income residents throughout the county. | | | | |
| 314 | Bowie Community Cat Initiative | Bowie CLAW | Prince George's Co. | \$13,783.96 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 238 feral cats in colonies within Bowie, Mitchellville and Upper Marlboro. | | | | |
| 315 | 2017 Cecil County Maryland Community Cat TNR Spay and Neuter Program | Chesapeake Feline Association | Cecil Co. | \$43,346.97 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 417 feral cats in Elkton, North East, Perryville, and Port Deposit. This project will also fund specialized High Volume/High Quality surgical training for partner veterinarians and vet techs. | | | | |
| 316 | Baltimore Humane Society Spay/Neuter Program | Baltimore County Humane Society | Baltimore and Carroll Cos. | \$25,000.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 300 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Baltimore County zip codes: 21136, 21117, 21133, 21163, 21244, and 21208 in Baltimore County and 21155, 21157, 21158, 21787, and 21757 in Carroll County. | | | | |
| 317 | The PAWL Project (Prevent All Unwanted Litters) | Cecil County Animal Control Services | Cecil Co. | \$37,276.22 |



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|-------|---|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 572 pet cats and dogs of residents in Elkton, North East, Perryville and Cecilton. Additionally, this project will provide funds for essential surgical equipment for the facility's clinic. | | | |
| 318 | Spay/Neuter Midshore (Year 3) | Talbot Humane | Talbot and Dorchester Cos. | \$52,508.50 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 550 pet cats and dogs of low income residents throughout Talbot and Dorchester counties. | | | |
| 319 | The Maryland SPCA: Providing High-Quality Free Spay/Neuter Services for Low-Income Residents of Baltimore City | MD SPCA | Baltimore City | \$62,060.00 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 1,020 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in city zip codes: 21201, 21202, 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, and 21223. | | | |
| 320 | Fixing Frederick's Ferals | Tip Me Frederick | Frederick Co. | \$30,818.88 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 660 feral cats in zip codes 21701 and 21704. | | | |
| 322 | Compassion for Community Cats Project 2018 | Last Chance Animal Rescue | Charles Co. | \$29,730.00 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 540 feral cats in colonies in Waldorf, Bel Alton, Bryantown, Indian Head, La Plata, Marbury, Nanjemoy, and White Plains. | | | |
| 323 | Spay and Neuter At Large and At Risk Pets | Anne Arundel County Animal Control Services | Anne Arundel Co. | \$23,850.00 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations if needed) to 300 pet cats and dogs of residents in low income areas throughout county. | | | |
| 324 | Fixes for Free | Humane Society of Kent Co. | Kent Co. | \$8,847.00 |
| | This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 100 pet cats and dogs in low income areas within 4 Wards in Chestertown (zip code 21620). | | | |



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|---|---|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| 326 | Free Spay/Neuter at HSCC | Humane Society of Charles County | Charles Co. | \$25,122.50 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations if needed) to 350 pets of low income residents in 14 towns throughout the county. | | | | |
| 327 | Community Cats in Newburg and Cobb Island | Humane Society of Charles County | Charles Co. | \$13,649.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 200 feral cats in colonies in Newburg, Cobb Island, and Issue. | | | | |
| 328 | Dorchester County Cats in the Cracks | Chesapeake Charities | Dorchester Co. | \$5,000.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 100 pet cats of low income residents in parts of Dorchester not covered by other projects. | | | | |
| 330 | Targeted TNR in Havre de Grace, MD | Best Friends of Harford Co. | Harford Co. | \$12,500.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 400 feral cats in colonies within Havre de Grace. | | | | |
| 332 | Embedded Community Outreach in Baltimore City | Charm City Companions | Baltimore City | \$29,310.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 400 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in McElderry Park and 5 zip codes in east Baltimore City: 21205, 21224, 21202, 21213, and 21231. | | | | |
| 333 | Sunshine's Friends Community Cat Project | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue and Sanctuary | Anne Arundel & Howard Cos. | \$8,876.01 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations) to 130 feral cats in colonies in Jessup, Severn, and Hanover. | | | | |
| 334 | Sunshine's Friends Pet Project | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue and Sanctuary | Anne Arundel & Howard Cos. | \$11,580.03 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 160 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Jessup, Elkridge, Hanover and Severn. | | | | |
| 335 | PurrFix Frederick | Frederick County Animal Control | Frederick Co. | \$40,000.00 |



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| Ref # | Title | Applying Organization | Target Area | Award |
|--|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 400 pet cats of low income residents in rural communities throughout the county. | | | | |
| 336 | Free Spay/Neuter for Prince George's County Pets | SPCA Humane Society of Prince George's County | Prince George's Co. | \$41,055.00 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations, if needed) to 513 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Glassmanor/Oxon Hill, Suitland/Coral Hills, Hillcrest Height/Marlow Heights, East Riverdale/Bladensburg, Langley Park, and Kentland/Palmer Park. | | | | |
| 337 | St. Mary's Spay Neuter Your Pet (SNYP) Program | St. Mary's Animal Welfare League | St Mary's Co. | \$27,897.50 |
| This project will provide free spay and neuter (including rabies vaccinations if needed) to 410 pet cats and dogs of low income residents in Lexington Park, California, Leonardtown, and Mechanicsville. | | | | |
| Grand Total: | | | | \$860,416.81 |

Accomplishments for FY15 Projects:

- All 14 projects were completed by the end of FY17;
- 7 of the 14 projects exceeded their target number of spay/neuter procedures;
- 6 projects either met their goals or came within 25% points of meeting their goals; and
- The FY15 cycle provided spay/neuter services to pets of low income residents in 8 counties and Baltimore City.

Accomplishments for FY16 Projects:

- 18 of the 19 funded projects were completed;
- 10 projects exceeded their target number of spay/neuter procedures;
- 5 projects either met their goals or were within 25% points of meeting their goals; and
- The FY16 cycle provided spay/neuter services to pets of low income residents and feral cats in 14 counties and Baltimore City.

Accomplishments for FY17 Projects:

- All 26 projects were successfully launched;
- One project has already been completed to date;



- Of the 25 active projects, as of the date of this report (the midway point for the majority of the active projects) 14 have already exceeded 50% of their target; and
- The FY17 Cycle is providing spay/neuter services to pets of low income residents and feral cats in 17 counties and Baltimore City.

NUMBER OF SPAY AND NEUTER PROCEDURES PERFORMED UNDER EACH GRANT TO DATE

The below tables give the number of procedures performed as of the date of this report by the projects funded in the FY 2015, FY2016, and FY17 cycles.

| FY15 Projects | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| 004 | <i>Fix Anne Arundel</i> | Rude Ranch/Spay Spa and Neuter Nook | 421 |
| 010 | <i>We Pay to Spay*</i> | Caroline County Humane Society | 302 |
| 012 | <i>Baltimore Humane Society Spay/Neuter Outreach Program*</i> | Baltimore Humane Society | 407 |
| 013 | <i>The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program*</i> | HART For Animals, Inc. | 764 |
| 016 | <i>East Laurel Spay and Neuter – Year One*</i> | Laurel Cats, Inc. | 359 |
| 018 | <i>Partnering to Provide Free Spay/Neuter Services</i> | BARCS and MD SPCA | 1,000 |
| 025 | <i>Free Spay/Neuter at HSCC</i> | Humane Society of Charles Co. | 192 |
| 032 | <i>FREEfix for Prince George's Pets</i> | SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co. | 178 |
| 034 | <i>A Spay a Day Keeps the Litter Away</i> | Prince George's County | 365 |
| 037 | <i>Four Cities Spay/Neuter Initiative</i> | City of Greenbelt | 383 |
| 039 | <i>A Targeted Spay/Neuter Project for Companion Dogs in the Park Heights</i> | ReLove Animals, Inc. | 118 |
| 045 | <i>FY2014-2015 Spay Neuter NO Cost Program</i> | Humane Society of Wicomico County | 312 |
| 048 | <i>Spay/Neuter Assistance Program- Focus on Dogs</i> | Talbot Humane | 88 |



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| FY15 Projects | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| 050 | <i>Embedded Community Outreach in Baltimore City*</i> | Charm City Companions Inc. | 241 |
| Total Spay/Neuter Procedures Completed | | | 5,130 |

*= Projects that exceeded their target goal

| FY16 Projects | | | |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| 101 | <i>A Bigger & Better Spay Spa & Neuter Nook*</i> | Rude Ranch Animal Rescue/ Spay Spa and Neuter Nook | 248 |
| 102 | <i>Fix Somerset County*</i> | Humane Society of Somerset County | 656 |
| 103 | <i>Free Spay/Neuter at HSCC*</i> | Humane Society of Charles County | 378 |
| 104 | <i>The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program*</i> | HART for Animals, Inc. | 409 |
| 106 | <i>Don't Pay to Spay</i> | Caroline County Humane Society | 342 |
| 107 | <i>Spay/Neuter Mid-Shore*</i> | Talbot Humane & Baywater Animal Rescue | 703 |
| 108 | <i>Don't Have a Litter-We'll Fix Your Critter</i> | Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's County | 143 |
| 109 | <i>Gaithersburg Free Spay & Neuter Program</i> | Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County Inc. | 72 |
| 111 | <i>Thurmont Ferals Project</i> | Tip Me Frederick | 600 |
| 113 | <i>Eastside Spay & Neuter Program (ESNP)</i> | Baltimore County Department of Health | 1118 |
| 117 | <i>Community Spay Neuter Project</i> | Last Chance Animal Rescue | 500 |
| 118 | <i>Keep Cumberland Litter Free</i> | Allegany County Animal Shelter Management | 92 |



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| FY16 Projects | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| | | Foundation | |
| 119 | <i>Cecil County MD Targeted TNR/Spay Neuter Program</i> | Chesapeake Feline Association | 357 |
| 121 | <i>Spay It Forward MCPAW*</i> | Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-being | 363 |
| 122 | <i>Partnering to Provide Free Spay/Neuter Services for Low-Income Residents in Baltimore City</i> | MD SPCA and Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter | 1,250 |
| 125 | <i>Jessup Community Cat Colonies*</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. | 118 |
| 126 | <i>Stop Over-Population and Suffering (SOPA)*</i> | Snip/Tuck Inc. | 455 |
| 127 | <i>Embedded Community Outreach in Baltimore City*</i> | Charm City Companions, Inc. | 274 |
| 128 | <i>Sunshine's Friends Jessup Spay and Neuter Your Pet*</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. | 164 |
| Total Spay/Neuter Procedures Completed as of June 30, 2017 | | | 8,242 |

^= Project still active as of June 30, 2017 *=Projects that have exceeded their target goal.

| FY17 Projects | | | |
|---------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| 201 | <i>The Somerset Fix</i> | Humane Society of Somerset County/Rude Ranch | 651 |
| 202 | <i>BARCS Baltimore Community Cats</i> | Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS) | 2,133 |
| 203 | <i>PurrFix Frederick</i> | Frederick County Animal Control | 241 |
| 205 | <i>Westside Spay & Neuter Program (WSNP)</i> | Baltimore County Department of Health | 327 |
| 206 | <i>Spay it Forward TNR Initiative</i> | Montgomery County Partners for Animal Wellbeing-MCPAW | 241 |
| 207 | <i>The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program</i> | HART for Animals, Inc. | 299 |
| 208 | <i>Allegany County SNIP</i> | Stepping Stone Animal Society | 8 |



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| FY17 Projects | | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Ref.# | Project Title | Organization | Procedures as of June 30, 2017 |
| 209 | <i>Feral Cat/Kitten Initiative</i> | Humane Society of Kent Co. | 132 |
| 210 | <i>Spay and Neuter At Risk and At Large Pets</i> | Anne Arundel County Animal Control and Services | 110 |
| 213 | <i>Cheap Fix Cat Clinic</i> | Alley Cat Rescue | 417 |
| 214 | <i>Spay/Neuter St. Mary's Felines</i> | Feral Cat Rescue | 145 |
| 215 | <i>Compassion for Community Cats Project</i> | Last Chance Animal Rescue | 204 |
| 217 | <i>Embedded Community Outreach in Baltimore City (FY17)</i> | Charm City Companions | 130 |
| 219 | <i>Free Spay/Neuter at HSCC</i> | Humane Society of Charles County | 100 |
| 220 | <i>Brunswick Region Feral Fix</i> | Tip Me Frederick | 415 |
| 221 | <i>Don't Pay to Spay</i> | Caroline County Humane Society | 218 |
| 224 | <i>East Laurel Apartments-Phase II Unowned Cats</i> | Laurel Cats Inc. | 104 |
| 225 | ◆ <i>Spay & Neuter Project of Glen Burnie's Pets</i> | SPCA of Anne Arundel Co. | 137 |
| 226 | <i>Spay/Neuter Midshore (Yr 2)</i> | Talbot Humane | 354 |
| 227 | <i>2016 Cecil Co.MD Targeted TNR Spay and Neuter Program</i> | Chesapeake Feline Association | 665 |
| 228 | <i>Chesapeake Feline Association Spay/Neuter POD</i> | Chesapeake Feline Association | N/A |
| 229 | <i>Project Pitbull and other At Risk Dogs</i> | Humane Society of Carroll Co. | 29 |
| 230 | <i>Spay-A-Day Keeps the Litter Away (FY17)</i> | Prince George's Co. | 117 |
| 232 | <i>Providing High-Quality Free Spay/Neuter Services for Low-Income Residents of Baltimore City</i> | MD SPCA | 674 |
| 234 | <i>Sunshine's Friends Community Cat TNR</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue | 88 |
| 235 | <i>Sunshine's Friends Local Pet Spay and Neuter</i> | Sunshine's Friends Cat Rescue | 81 |
| Total Spay/Neuter Procedures Completed as of June 30, 2017 | | | 8,049 |

◆= completed as of the date of this report

The following summarizes the completion rate of spay/neuter procedures proposed for each project cycle. The target goal of each individual project is a best guess made in the application as to how many spays will be done as opposed to neuters and how many cats will be altered as opposed to dogs, if both species are targeted. The actual make up of the clientele serviced



under a grant can therefore vary from what is originally proposed. Likewise cat surgeries tend to be less expensive than dog surgeries and animal spays tend to be more expensive than animal neuters, which can influence the overall number of surgeries a project budget can actually support. Finally, other budget issues (such as a need to use some surgical budget for emergency additional procedures –allowed on a case by case basis with the approval of MDA) can reduce the project budget and the final numbers of surgeries possible.

Likewise, other projects have found ways to stretch project funds so that they have exceeded the number of procedures from their proposed target goals (as indicated in the tables above).

Accomplishments by FY15 Projects during FY17 Period:

- As of the date of this report, all 14 projects were completed and of the 5,340 spay/neuter procedures that was the cumulative goal, 5,130 procedures were completed, or 96% of the target goal. One project was unable to meet their goals and use all their allotted funds. As a result this project was closed after completing 40% of their target and \$41,000.00 of program funds were returned to MDA to be reallocated to the FY18 projects.

Accomplishments by FY16 Projects during FY17 Period:

- As of the date of this report 18 of the 19 projects were completed. The cumulative goal was to provide 8,231 spay/neuter procedures. Of this goal, 8,242 procedures were completed or %100.1 percent of the target goal.

Accomplishments for FY17 Projects during FY17 Period:

- As of the date of this report, one of the 29 projects funded been completed. The cumulative target for all projects was 13,038 spay/neuter procedures to be completed in 12 to 18 months. As of this date, the still active projects and one completed project have completed 8,049 or 62% of the target.

Accomplishments for all funded projects to date:

- As of the date of this report, 21,421 procedures have been provided to pets of low income Marylanders and feral cats. This represents 80.5% of the combined target goal for FY15, FY16, and FY17.



Goals for FY18:

- Close out the remaining project of the FY2016 cycle (FY16-118: Allegany County Animal Shelter);
- Initiate all approved projects of the FY2018 cycle; and
- Provide oversight for all projects to insure funds are dispersed to grantee as per each project schedule, that all reports and related project obligations are met, and to offer assistance and guidance to all project managers.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The following summarize the outreach efforts put forth with regards to the Program during the specified time period.

Accomplishments for FY17:

- The Advisory Board held 8 public meetings during the reporting period. All meetings were advertised on the MDA web site two weeks prior to the meeting dates and distributed to media by the Agency’s Public Information Office. Attendees from the general public were given the opportunity to comment on the issues discussed, ask questions, or bring up new issues. Dates and meeting topics are detailed in the ADVISORY BOARD section to follow;
- Program announcements were made on MDA website, MDA social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook), via email blasts from the extensive Program listserve, and on the Program webpage. Announcements were made when new reports and information were posted;
- The Program web page is located on the MDA website and is the main repository for all documents, materials, and information relating to the Spay and Neuter Grants Program. The Program Coordinator updated this webpage with additional information and materials See DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS for specific information on these updates; and
- The Program advertised through the development and distribution of program give-away materials: branded dog and cat toys, emergency signs and cards, desk toys along with the program brochure. These materials effectively advertise both the Program



and the general concept of the need and benefits of spay and neutering cats and dogs to the general public. These materials were distributed during the Maryland State Fair, Maryland Day, the FAA annual meeting, and at other meetings throughout the year and for future fairs and meetings.

Goals for FY18:

- Continue to promote the Program through all media available;
- Update the Program brochure;
- Look for new ideas and materials to promote the Program to the public and potential applicants;
- Research possible cost effective advertising outlets and strategies for a possible state-wide awareness campaign; and
- Encourage applicants to develop and implement outreach and education elements of their projects to further educate the public regarding the consequences of pet overpopulation and the benefits of spay and neuter procedures.

ADVISORY BOARD

The Maryland Secretary of Agriculture appointed the 7 member board on November 7, 2013. The Advisory Board was tasked to make recommendations on the Program guidelines and regulations needed to implement the state’s Spay and Neuter Fund and make funding recommendations to the Secretary.

Accomplishments for FY17:

- During FY17, one of 2 vacancies on the Board was filled. Caroline Griffin, an attorney who serves on the board of directors of the Animal Welfare Institute was nominated to fill a vacant position. Ms. Griffin was appointed to the Board on September 26, 2016 by the Secretary. One board seat remains vacant as of the date of this report;
- During FY17, the Advisory Board held 8 public meetings at the MDA offices to review and discuss 39 proposals in the 3rd cycle and 39 proposals in the 4th cycle. In addition the Advisory Board discussed improvements to the Program materials. Updates were made to the all three application forms and guidelines; and
- New state policy requires that the agendas and minutes of all public meetings (as of October 2016) be posted online. As of the date of this report the agendas and minutes to the October 26, 2016, November 17, 2016, and April 26, 2017 meetings have been posted on the Program webpage.



The Advisory Board met on the following days:

- July 29, 2016: Continued the review of the FY17 (cycle 3) applications and determined recommendations to be made for funding.
- September 26, 2016: Welcomed new board member and discussed Program guidelines on funding positions, other miscellaneous equipment, and other issues that would be discussed at the next meeting.
- October 26, 2016: Discussed the possibility of the program funding and supporting a trap bank. Made a requirement that each applicant be in good standing with the MD Department of Assessment and Taxation, and made specific improvements to the Capital Expense application and guidelines.
- November 17, 2016: Discussed and agreed on improvements on the Feral Cat application and guidelines. Also discussed using some Program funds for a state-wide advertising campaign.
- April 26, 2017: Hosted a trap bank presentation and trap demonstration by Laurel Cats, Inc. Reviewed proposal review strategy and determined what days to meet to review the FY18 proposals.
- June 8 and 9, 2017: In these back-to-back meetings, the Board discussed each of the 39 applications for the FY18 funding cycle. During this process the Board determined which applications would be recommended to the Secretary either as is or with some minor modifications. The remaining applications were saved for the June 20 meeting when the budgets and possible scaling back of effort would be discussed.
- June 20, 2017: The remaining applications were discussed with regards to budgets. The Board determined which applications would be recommended with a scale back of effort in order to accommodate the Program funds available. The Board gave feedback on both recommended applications and those not recommended so the Program Coordinator could share feedback with the applicants. A final list of 29 funding recommendations was approved by the Board.

Goals for FY18:

- Complete the minutes of the June meetings and post to the Program webpage;
- Post the FY18 awardees list and post a press release;
- Fill the remaining vacancy on the Board; and
- Continue to review the Program and its elements to identify any areas requiring revision, or, updating, or improvement; and



DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

During FY17, with input from the Advisory Board, the Program Coordinator developed and finalized the following Program materials which are all posted to the Program webpage.

Accomplishments for FY17:

- Updated applications and guidelines specific to each application focus and posted online;
- Posted Annual Report and Personal Property Return Form and instructions;
- Updated the document that details Maryland county law information regarding feral cats;
- Posted Standards of Care Law, Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, and a completed plan as a sample;
- Designed and purchased tabletop banner for use at meetings; and
- Purchased and distributed promotional materials including branded cat toys, dog toys, emergency signs and cards, desk toys all of which are distributed at the Maryland State Fair, and other meetings throughout the year.

Goals for FY18:

- Improve if needed, all applications and guidance;
- Post Final reports from all projects completed to date; and
- Continue to explore and develop new tools for applicants and project managers.

FEE COLLECTION

The program is funded from annual fees levied on manufacturers of all dog and cat feed and treats registered with the Maryland State Chemist Office. The following lists the accomplishments in fee collection during this period.

Accomplishments during FY17:

- The Program Coordinator generated and sent 284 invoices for Spay/Neuter Program fees on October 5, 2016 to feed/treat manufacturers, based on product information from the State Chemist products registration database. Each invoice was sent via first class US mail



and included an explanatory letter, a list of products on which the invoice total was based and instructions as to where to send payment;

- The Program Coordinator then sent 20 additional invoices from the time between January 1 and April 30 for new products registered after December 31, 2016. The total invoice amount sent was \$828,000.00;
- The Program Coordinator maintained a Program Fee Excel Spreadsheet that served as the main repository of fee remittance information. The Program Coordinator maintained all paperwork pertaining to each paid invoice;
- The Program Coordinator sent 2nd notices and 3rd notices (certified to US companies and registered to overseas companies) to delinquent accounts from 2016 invoicing and subsequently forwarded them to fiscal for delinquent account notification.
- From the 2016-2017 invoicing cycle, of the 304 invoices sent, a total of \$764,100.00 was collected as of June 30, 2016.
- Of the 304 invoices sent, 14 were cancelled because the companies were either out of business or no longer sold products in the state; and
- As of the date of this report, 14 companies had not yet paid the invoiced fee. These accounts were forwarded to the Fiscal Services department of MDA for delinquent account notification.

Goals for FY2017:

- Send remaining delinquent accounts to state collections;
- Update fee database as invoices are paid;
- Send out 2017 invoices by the first week of October, 2017; and
- Continue to process and track fee payments (both new and delinquent) as they come in.

SURVEY

As stipulated in SB 820, *“beginning January 1, 2014, each county and municipal animal control shelter and each organization that contracts with a county or municipality for animal control shall report quarterly to the department on a form prescribed by the Department describing for the previous 3 months: (1) the number of cats and dogs taken in; (2) the number of cats and dogs disposed of, broken down by method of disposal, including euthanasia; and department describing for the previous 3 months”*. The following details what the department did during this reporting period to meet this requirement.



Accomplishments for FY17:

- The Program Coordinator sent survey data requests to the facilities that responded to the initial survey request sent February 2014 (covering the October-December period of 2013) and those private organizations that either volunteered to participate or those organizations have subsequently received funding from the Program and must provide data as per the terms of the grant agreement. As of the date of this report 30 facilities report shelter data to MDA: 26 county-run or county-funded facilities and 4 private facilities;
- The Program Coordinator input all results into a spreadsheet database by organization;
- Data from the last 2 quarters of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017 analyzed by quarter and presented in separate quarterly reports. The Final Reports were posted on the Program webpage. Data for the second quarter of 2017 was still being collected at the completion of this report; and
- The Program Coordinator completed a 3 Year Trend Analysis of the data from the initial quarter in December 2013 through December of 2016. This report will be finalized in July, 2017. This report will help identify and changes in intake and euthanasia state-wide since the inception of the program through its first 3 years of operation.

Goals for FY18:

- Post the completed 3 Year Trend Analysis Report on the Program webpage;
- Complete and post each the report for each quarter of data submitted in FY18; and
- Continue to collect data and look for trends in Intake and Euthanasia, and use data to help identify areas of greatest need and to direct application promotion and aid in funding decisions.