



# **City of Lago Vista Charitable Contribution and Non-Profit Funding Application**

Name of Agency/Organization: Lifelong Friends Pet Adoption, Inc

Address: P.O. 4100

City, State & Zip: Lago Vista, TX 78645

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**Project Title:** Spay/Neuter, Vaccinations and Microchips for Lago Vista and the surrounding area's low income residents.

Amount of Funds Requested: \$7,500.00

Project Status:    Existing    Expansion    New

**Briefly describe the program:**

The Spay/Neuter, Vaccinations, and Microchips program offered by Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions, Inc. in Lago Vista continues to support our local low-income residents by continuing to provide essential veterinary care for their pets. This program ensures that pets are spayed or neutered to control the animal population, vaccinated to protect against common diseases, and microchipped to aid in their identification and safe return if lost. By offering these services at little or no cost to our low income community, Lifelong

Describe the services the program provides:

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**Spay/Neuter Services:** These procedures are performed to control the pet population, reduce the incidence of certain health issues, and mitigate behavioral problems. By preventing unwanted litters, the program helps decrease the number of stray and homeless

If organization received support from the City of Lago Vista previously, provide the following information:

Year Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Supported \_\_\_\_\_

## Charitable Contributions and Nonprofit Funding Request Application Questionnaire

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The City strongly requests that all answers be typed.

Submission of a completed questionnaire is required for application consideration.

### 1. What is the agency's mission?

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions, Inc. is a non-profit 501c(3), no-kill pet rescue center dedicated to preventing animal suffering, rescuing and caring for stray and abandoned dogs and cats and finding homes for these animals, educating the public about responsible pet ownership, and encouraging pet owners to spay and neuter their

### 2. What are the goals of the program for which you are requesting funding?

The goals of the Spay/Neuter, Vaccinations, and Microchips program, for which we are requesting funding, are as follows:

Reduce Animal Overpopulation: By providing spay and neuter services, the program aims to decrease the number of unwanted litters, thereby reducing the overall population of stray and homeless animals in Lago Vista and the surrounding areas. Last year, thanks to help from your funding, we were able to get 11 dogs and cats spayed, 4 dogs and cats

### 3. How will you know you met these goals by the end of the funding year?

We will know that we have met these goals by:

The number of spay/neuter surgeries performed, the number of rabies vaccinations administered and incidence rates of zoonotic diseases reported in the community and finally the number of pets microchipped.

Reduction in the number of stray animals reported.

The number of pets owned by low-income families that received care.

### 4. Describe the impact of services on the community

Implementing these goals continues to contribute to a healthier, safer, and more compassionate community. By helping 15 cats and dogs last year alone, we were able to meet our goals for last year and look forward to continuing to make an impact in our local community. By addressing animal overpopulation, promoting public health, and supporting responsible pet ownership, our community will see improvements in public safety, and overall well-being. Additionally, fostering an inclusive approach that supports low-income residents ensures that the benefits of these initiatives are shared equitably, enhancing the quality of life for all community members.

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5. If the request for funding for the proposed fiscal year is an increase from the previous fiscal year, please justify such increase:

Same amount as last year.

6. Provide information on the overall financial position of the organization.

Include: annual budget, sources of funding (e.g., fund raisers, charitable donations)

**2025 Lifelong Friends Budget**

**Revenue**

Includes recurring and new donations, fundraisers, grants, off-site pet events, adoption fees, and sponsorship) \$126,000.00

**Expenses**

Veterinary -Routine & Emergency Services, Medications for Dogs and Cats	\$50,000.00
Pet Supplies,Training, Microchips & Pet Food	\$5,400.00
Special Events & Promotions	\$750.00
Advertising, Printing, Publications	\$900.00
Utilities, Maintenance/Repairs	\$22,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$5,670.00
Payroll & Taxes	\$41,280.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$126,000.00</b>

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Submitted By: Melissa Perna

Andrea Phillips  
Signature of Executive Director (if applicable)

6/27/25  
Date

Andrea Phillips  
Printed Name of Executive Director (if applicable)

Approval:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Organization Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Organization Representative

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit for Board Review: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Council Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ineligible? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Decision: Approve \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Officer Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Distribution Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Describe the services the program provides:**

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**Spay/Neuter Services:** These procedures are performed to control the pet population, reduce the incidence of certain health issues, and mitigate behavioral problems. By preventing unwanted litters, the program helps decrease the number of stray and homeless animals in the community. The costs to spay/neuter your dog or cat can range between \$75 - \$400 per pet, depending on the size and procedure of your pet.

**Vaccinations:** The program offers essential vaccinations to protect pets from common and potentially deadly diseases, such as rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and feline leukemia. Regular vaccinations are crucial for maintaining public health and preventing disease outbreaks. Vaccinations for cats can cost anywhere between \$75 - \$145 per cat and for dogs it is about \$120 - \$360 per dog.

**Microchipping:** Pets are implanted with a small, permanent microchip that contains a unique identification number. This chip is registered with the owner's contact information, greatly increasing the chances of reuniting lost pets with their families. Microchipping is a simple, quick, and effective way to ensure pets can be identified if they go missing. This generally costs \$25 - \$60 per pet.

By providing these services, the program aims to promote responsible pet ownership, enhance the health and well-being of pets, and support a safer and healthier community. The program is particularly targeted at low-income residents who may not have the financial means to access these critical services, thereby ensuring that all pets in Lago Vista and the surrounding areas receive the care they need. They do not just need to be low-income, however. With the rising costs of everything in our daily lives, we will be happy to help any one of our residents with these costs to make sure that we are taking care of our community (human and animal).

### **What is the agency's mission?**

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### **What are the goals of the program for which you are requesting funding?**

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1. **Reduce Animal Overpopulation:** By providing spay and neuter services, the program aims to decrease the number of unwanted litters, thereby reducing the overall population of stray and homeless animals in Lago Vista and the surrounding areas. Last year, thanks to help from your funding, we were able to get 11 dogs and cats spayed, 4 dogs and cats neutered and 15 dogs and cats microchipped and vaccinated. 1 of the dogs we were able to spay belongs to a homeless man. His dog had already had 4 litters, before we were able to get his dog spayed. Imagine how many more litters she would have had if we weren't able to get to her and help him out.
2. **Promote Public Health:** Through the provision of essential vaccinations, the program seeks to prevent the spread of common and potentially deadly diseases among pets, thus protecting both animal and human health within the community.
3. **Enhance Pet Identification and Reunification:** By microchipping pets, the program enhances the ability to quickly and accurately identify lost animals and reunite them with their owners, reducing the strain on our local animal shelter and Police Departments and the emotional distress of pet owners.
4. **Support Low-Income Residents:** The program aims to make vital veterinary services, including microchipping, accessible to our low-income residents who may not otherwise afford them, ensuring that all pets in the community receive necessary care and help reuniting pets with their owners if they get lost. With the economy going up and down, the number of low-income residents only increases each year.
5. **Improve Community Well-being:** Overall, the program aims to create a healthier, safer, and more compassionate community by addressing the needs of pets and their owners,

reducing the number of stray animals, and minimizing the risks of disease transmission in our area.

These goals align with our mission to support the well-being of both animals and residents in Lago Vista and the surrounding areas, creating a more harmonious and health-conscious community.

**How will you know you met these goals by the end of the funding year?**

We will know that we have met these goals by:

1. The number of spay/neuter surgeries performed, the number of rabies vaccinations administered and incidence rates of zoonotic diseases reported in the community and finally the number of pets microchipped.
2. Reduction in the number of stray animals reported.
3. The number of pets owned by low-income families that received care.

We will track the number of surgeries/vaccinations performed using this grant award and work with the local animal control officers and social media posts to see a reduction in the number of stray/lost animals reported. We will also be able to track the number of our low income residents and their pets who have received services from us thanks to this grant.

**Describe the impact of services on the community**

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## **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND NON-PROFIT FUNDING APPLICATION**

The City of Lago Vista evaluates funding applications for projects and programs that address community needs.

Applications are due by **June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year**. Deliver the completed application to the Finance Department located at 5803 Thunderbird Street, Lago Vista, TX, 78645. Applications will be provided to the Council for review and to determine the amount of funding during the budget process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City Secretary.

**Please provide information on all funding sources for your proposed budget so that the City can evaluate this information.**

The City of Lago Vista accepts funding requests for projects or programs that meet one or more of the following:

- Are likely to have an impact on the quality of life of a substantial number of people in the Lago Vista community.
- Address issues or problems that the City of Lago Vista as a governmental agency does not currently address.
- Propose practical ways to address community issues and problems.
- Stimulate others to participate in addressing community problems.
- Are cooperative efforts and minimize or eliminate duplication of services.
- Are sustainable over time.

There are restrictions on the scope of the activities the City of Lago Vista can support. In general, the City does NOT provide funding for:

- The use of and payment for services of a fiscal agent.
- Endowment funds.
- Religious organizations for religious purposes.
- Fundraising activities or events.
- Umbrella funding organizations that intend to distribute funds at their discretion.
- Political lobbying or legislative activities.
- Brick and mortar projects.