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This report details the activities and accomplishments of each element pertaining to the Maryland Spay and Neuter Grants Program for Fiscal Year 2025, covering July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This report should be read in full, for complete context.

The end of FY25 marks the close of the 11th year of funding for the Spay and Neuter Grants Program. As of June 30, 2025, the program has awarded \$8,820,472.91 to fund 317 projects that have provided 140,590 spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats of low-income families, and for community cats.

The Program Coordinator attended several outreach events during FY25, including the Maryland State Fair on August 25; and BARCStoberfest on October 26, among others. These community events are useful not only for promotion, but also for speaking to citizens to learn about the issues that they face as pet owners and animal advocates. Other outreach highlights included tabling at the Governor's Buy Local Cookout in July, which has been helpful with informing farmers and other business owners, as well as legislators and their staff, about our Program.

The Program Coordinator continued to conduct site visits with grantees and potential grantees, and attended PAWS meetings during FY25. This outreach has helped foster better working relationships with the organizations and aids in making them aware of MDA resources. It has given some perspective and a better understanding of the specific needs and challenges in their communities and at their shelters. Lastly, having these in-person meetings has assisted with clarifying policies and procedures, reporting requirements, regulations, etc.

The Spay and Neuter Advisory Board (SNAB) membership remained consistent in FY25, with no changes. In addition to the SNAB's annual meeting in August, the SNAB held two work sessions in October and November 2024, to discuss updates to the Program's applications, instructions, associated materials, and administration. As a result, a number of these changes were made to help ensure the Program continues to meet its intended purpose of reducing intake and euthanasia in Maryland animal shelters.

In FY25, the application process migrated away from OneStop, instead using fillable Word documents for the applications. This was due to the high cost quoted by the vendor for making the changes that would be needed annually, and their inability to meet the Program deadline for making the applications live on OneStop. This was prior to the subsequent changes that took place as a result of the SNAB's fall work sessions, which generated even further edits that would have been needed. Therefore, it was determined that OneStop would not be feasible to use for this cycle.



As reported previously, many projects and their partner veterinarians and agencies continue to struggle with challenges initially brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Costs continue to rise, and the national veterinarian shortage is still taking a toll.

In looking at the year-over-year shelter intake and euthanasia statistics, and the charts at the end of this report, you will see a significant drop in numbers between 2019 to 2020 (the height of the pandemic), and then a slow but steady increase from 2021 through 2025. Dog intake in particular, and their subsequent length of stay, has notably increased over the past couple of years. This dip in intakes during 2020 was an outlier year, and shelters are now seeing numbers slightly higher than prior to the onset of the pandemic. It is again worth noting, like last year, that while intakes have increased, euthanasia has not increased at the same rate.



GRANT PROPOSALS SELECTED

FY25 Funding Cycle:

For the FY25 funding cycle, MDA received 38 applications, with a combined request of \$1,709,539.00 for 21,240 surgeries. Of those 38 applications, 36 were approved. The grant application acceptance period opened on January 5, 2024 and closed on April 5, 2024. The Spay and Neuter Advisory Board (SNAB) met on August 23, 2024, and selected the following applications to recommend for funding. These recommendations were accepted by the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Kevin M. Atticks, on September 11, 2024.

The following table summarizes the funded recommendations provided to the Secretary for approval. They are in order of ranking based on the average cumulative scores by the SNAB.

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



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY(IES)
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.				
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.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY(IES)
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.				
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.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY(IES)
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.				
32	City of New Carrollton	25-10110	\$5,760	Prince George's
This grant will fund 72 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
33	Baywater Animal Rescue	25-10095	\$5,825	Dorchester
This grant will fund 32 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
34	Somerset County Dog Control	25-10105	\$5,700	Somerset
This grant will fund 22 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs of low-income Marylanders.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY(IES)
35	Prince George's County Animal Services	25-10020	\$9,300	Prince George's
This grant will fund 120 spay and neuter surgeries for community cats.				
36	City of College Park	25-10113	\$5,000	Prince George's
This grant will fund 26 spay and neuter surgeries for pet dogs and cats of low-income Marylanders.				
Total Number of Approved Spay/Neuter Procedures:		Total Amount of Grants Approved:		
14,379		\$959,216		

Accomplishments for FY20 Funding Cycle Projects through FY25:

- All 30 of the approved projects have launched.
- 29 of the 30 projects have been completed.
- Of the 29 completed projects, 22 projects (76% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, five projects completed over 90% of their target surgeries, one project completed more than 85% of their target number of surgeries, and the lowest performing project completed 77% of their target surgeries.
- The one remaining open project (20-532) has received several grant extensions but to our knowledge has not completed their project. They have been asked to submit reports and return the remaining funds, but to date have not done so. This grant agreement has been referred to the Office of the Attorney General’s False Claims Unit to reclaim the \$13,785.00 of unspent grant funds.
- As of the close of FY25, 15,256 of the 15,263 approved spay/neuter surgeries (99.95%) have been completed.

Accomplishments for FY22 Funding Cycle Projects through FY25:

- All 35 of the approved projects have launched.
- 34 of the 35 approved projects have been completed.
- Of the 34 completed projects, 25 projects (73% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, four projects completed over 90% of their target surgeries, one project completed more than 85% of their target number of surgeries, and the lowest performing project completed 47% of their target surgeries.
- The one remaining open project has received a final grant extension through 12/31/25. At that point they must return any unused funds.
- Two FY22 grantees returned a portion of their funding, after realizing they could not complete the projects, due to staffing issues. The total amount returned was \$9,821.50.
- As of the close of FY25, 14,343 of the 14,446 approved spay/neuter surgeries (99%) have been completed.



Accomplishments for FY23 Funding Cycle Projects through FY25:

- All 31 of the approved projects have launched.
- 30 of the 31 approved projects have been completed.
- In 2025, the one remaining FY23 active project received a final grant extension through 6/30/25, at which point they have been instructed to return any unused FY23 funds, and start on their FY25 project. In addition, the second allocation for this project was canceled. This reduced their FY23 grant by half; the number of their target surgeries was reduced to 57 surgeries; and their overall grant award was reduced by \$5,700.00. These funds will return to the Spay and Neuter Grant Program's fund balance to use for future grant awards. MDA is expecting to receive a refund from this grantee.
- Of the 30 completed projects, 17 projects (57% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, nine projects completed over 90% of their target surgeries, two projects completed more than 80% of their target number of surgeries, and the lowest performing project completed 57% of their target surgeries.
- Four FY23 grantees returned unused grant funds, totaling \$20,237.50.
 - The largest of these refunds was \$18,185 returned by Chesapeake Feline Association. Due to increased costs, and the veterinarian and other staffing shortages, they had to close their Spay & Neuter Clinic in Cecil County in FY23.
- As of the close of FY25, 14,408 of the 14,494 approved spay/neuter surgeries (99%) have been completed.

Accomplishments for FY24 Funding Cycle Projects through FY25:

- All 32 of the approved projects have launched.
- 31 of the 32 approved projects have been completed.
- The one remaining active project has been completed, but a Final Report has not been received by the Program as of the close of FY25.
- Of the 31 completed projects, 25 projects (80% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, and the remaining six completed projects completed over 90% of their target surgeries.
- As of the close of FY25, 14,802 of the 14,590 approved spay/neuter surgeries (101%) have been completed.

Accomplishments for FY25 Funding Cycle Projects through FY25:

- 35 of the 36 approved projects have launched.
- One project that had not yet started as of 6/30/25 is scheduled to begin on 7/1/25.
- Three of the 36 approved projects have been completed, and final reports submitted, as of the close of FY25.
- Of the three completed projects, two projects either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets.
- As of the close of FY25, 8,030 of the 14,379 approved spay/neuter surgeries (55.8%) have been completed. The remainder of the surgeries are expected to be completed by the end of the grant agreements (December 31, 2025).



Goals for FY26:

- SNAB meeting to be held on August 22, 2025 to make funding recommendations from the applications received for FY26.
- Continue visiting grantees, as well as shelters that are eligible to apply but have not done so.
- Solicit applications for FY27 funding beginning in January 2026.



NUMBER OF SPAY & NEUTER PROCEDURES PERFORMED TO DATE, BY GRANT

The list below gives the number of procedures completed by the grant recipients at the close of the fiscal year by projects funded in all funding cycles FY15 through FY25. Those projects shown in **BOLD** were still active at the close of FY25.

Fiscal Year and Project #	Grant Recipient	Procedures Completed as of FY25
FY15-004	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	471
FY15-010	Caroline County Humane Society	302
FY15-012	Baltimore Humane Society	407
FY15-013	HART for Animals	764
FY15-016	Laurel Cats	312
FY15-018	BARCS/MD SPCA	1,000
FY15-025	Humane Society of Charles Co.	192
FY15-032	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	178
FY15-034	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	365
FY15-037	City of Greenbelt	383
FY15-039	ReLove Animals	118
FY15-045	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	312
FY15-048	Talbot Humane	88
FY15-050	Charm City Companions	241
FY16-101	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	248
FY16-102	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	656
FY16-103	Humane Society of Charles Co.	378
FY16-104	HART for Animals	409
FY16-106	Caroline County Humane Society	342
FY16-107	Talbot Humane	703
FY16-108	Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's Co.	143
FY16-109	Animal Welfare League of Montgomery Co.	72
FY16-111	Tip Me Frederick	600
FY16-113	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,116
FY16-117	Last Chance Animal Rescue	500
FY16-118	Allegany Co. Animal Shelter	119
FY16-119	Chesapeake Feline Association	357
FY16-121	MCPAW	363
FY16-122	BARCS/MD SPCA	1,250
FY16-125	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	118



FY16-126	Snip Tuck	455
FY16-127	Charm City Companions	274
FY16-128	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	164
FY17-201	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	750
FY17-202	BARCS	3,000
FY17-203	Frederick Co. Animal Services	315
FY17-205	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,084
FY17-206	MCPAW	552
FY17-207	HART For Animals	510
FY17-208	Stepping Stone Animal Society	275
FY17-209	Humane Society of Kent Co.	210
FY17-210	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	151
FY17-213	Alley Cat Rescue	487
FY17-214	Feral Cat Rescue	303
FY17-215	Last Chance Animal Rescue	408
FY17-217	Charm City Companions	409
FY17-219	Humane Society of Charles Co.	329
FY17-220	Tip Me Frederick	562
FY17-221	Caroline Co. Humane Society	685
FY17-224	Laurel Cats	192
FY17-225	SPCA of Anne Arundel Co.	137
FY17-226	Talbot Humane	612
FY17-227	Chesapeake Feline Association	662
FY17-229	Humane Society of Carroll Co.	100
FY17-230	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	388
FY17-232	MDSPCA	1,299
FY17-234	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	103
FY17-235	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	131
FY18-301	Humane Society of Washington Co.	324
FY18-302	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	328
FY18-305	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,284
FY18-307	Laurel Cats	265
FY18-308	BARCS	2,500
FY18-309	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	312
FY18-311	HART for Animals	503
FY18-312	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	632
FY18-314	Bowie CLAW	245
FY18-315	Chesapeake Feline Association	645
FY18-316	Baltimore Humane Society	320
FY18-317	Cecil Co. Animal Services	593
FY18-318	Talbot Humane	736



FY18-319	MD SPCA	1,020
FY18-320	Tip Me Frederick	660
FY18-322	Last Chance Animal Rescue	602
FY18-323	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	316
FY18-324	Humane Society of Kent Co.	91
FY18-326	Humane Society Charles Co.	357
FY18-327	Humane Society Charles Co.	198
FY18-328	Chesapeake Charities/Tomcat Solutions	100
FY18-330	Best Friends in Harford County	341
FY18-332	Charm City Companions	457
FY18-333	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	130
FY18-334	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	156
FY18-335	Frederick Co. Animal Services	217
FY18-336	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	514
FY18-337	St. Mary's Co. Animal Welfare League	504
FY19-401	HART for Animals	436
FY19-402	Caroline Co. Humane Society	270
FY19-403	Alley Cat Rescue	782
FY19-404	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	589
FY19-405	Rude Ranch	819
FY19-408	Southern Maryland Spay and Neuter	39
FY19-409	Talbot Humane	467
FY19-410	Humane Society of Washington Co.	139
FY19-411	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	213
FY19-412	BARCS	2,375
FY19-413	Frederick Co. Humane Society	205
FY19-414	Feral Cat Rescue	220
FY19-415	Baltimore Humane Society	393
FY19-416	MD SPCA	1,016
FY19-417	Chesapeake Charities/Tomcat Solutions	202
FY19-418	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,988
FY19-419	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	482
FY19-420	Bowie CLAW	188
FY19-421	Last Chance Animal Rescue	570
FY19-422	MCPAW	208
FY19-423	Humane Society of Charles Co.	193
FY19-424	Chesapeake Feline Association	341
FY19-425	Snip Tuck	240
FY19-426	Tip Me Frederick	566
FY19-427	Cecil Co. Animal Services	372
FY19-428	Frederick Co. Animal Services	130



FY19-429	Worcester Co. Humane Society	221
FY19-430	Forgotten Cats	733
FY19-431	St. Mary's Animal Welfare League	425
FY19-432	Charm City Companions	474
FY19-433	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	280
FY19-434	Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's Co.	136
FY19-436	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	368
FY19-437	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	180
FY19-438	Laurel Cats	241
FY19-439	Best Friends in Harford County	439
FY20-503	Alley Cat Rescue	926
FY20-504	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	116
FY20-505	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	666
FY20-506	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	1,200
FY20-507	HART for Animals	358
FY20-509	Talbot Humane	397
FY20-511	BARCS	732
FY20-512	BARCS	2,500
FY20-513	Frederick Co. Humane Society	284
FY20-515	Baltimore Humane Society	361
FY20-516	MD SPCA	984
FY20-521	Last Chance Animal Rescue	450
FY20-522	MCPAW	103
FY20-524	Chesapeake Feline Association	795
FY20-526	Tip Me Frederick	606
FY20-527	Cecil Co. Animal Services	439
FY20-528	Forgotten Cats – Salisbury Co.	547
FY20-529	Worcester Co. Humane Society	102
FY20-530	Forgotten Cats – Worcester Co.	745
FY20-531	SMAWL	303
FY20-532	Charm City Companions	260
FY20-533	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	333
FY20-535	Saving Future Feral Cats	99
FY20-536	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	409
FY20-537	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	252
FY20-538	Laurel Cats	159
FY20-539	Best Friends in Harford County	380
FY20-540	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	371
FY20-542	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	116
FY20-543	Anne Arundel Co. SPCA	81
FY21-601	The Humane Society of Charles Co.	368



FY21-602	Caroline Co. Humane Society	107
FY21-604	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	412
FY21-606	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	1,205
FY21-608	A Cat's Life	105
FY21-609	Talbot Humane	831
FY21-611	BARCS	1,080
FY21-612	BARCS	2,000
FY21-616	MD SPCA	1,135
FY21-618	Queen Anne's Co. Animal Services	60
FY21-619	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	678
FY21-621	Last Chance Animal Rescue	450
FY21-623	Humane Society of Charles Co.	517
FY21-624	Chesapeake Feline Association	710
FY21-625	Snip Tuck	300
FY21-626	Tip Me Frederick	715
FY21-627	Cecil Co. Animal Services	408
FY21-628	Forgotten Cats – Wicomico Co.	992
FY21-629	Worcester Co. Humane Society	76
FY21-630	Forgotten Cats – Worcester Co.	739
FY21-631	SMAWL	304
FY21-633	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	265
FY21-634	MCC3	166
FY21-636	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	378
FY21-637	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	253
FY21-638	Laurel Cats	343
FY21-639	Best Friends in Harford Co. (Shadow Cats TNR)	360
FY21-640	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	262
FY21-642	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	188
FY22-7001	Rude Ranch	601
FY22-7002	Rude Ranch	934
FY22-7003	Caroline Co. Humane Society	102
FY22-7005	Baltimore Humane Society	431
FY22-7007	HART for Animals	308
FY22-7010	Laurel Cats	220
FY22-7011	BARCS	1,259
FY22-7012	BARCS	1,800
FY22-7013	MD SPCA	600
FY22-7015	Humane Society of Charles Co.	301
FY22-7016	Humane Society of Charles Co.	522
FY22-7017	Prince George's Co. SPCA	223
FY22-7019	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	152



FY22-7025	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	101
FY22-7027	Talbot Humane	500
FY22-7031	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	122
FY22-7038	Tip Me Frederick	643
FY22-7040	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	600
FY22-7046	Chesapeake Feline Association	764
FY22-7049	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	319
FY22-7050	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	226
FY22-7057	Kent Humane	70
FY22-7073	Cecil Co. Animal Services	317
FY22-7078	Shadow Cats TNR	401
FY22-7079	SMAWL	316
FY22-7083	Worcester Co. Humane Society	79
FY22-7085a	Forgotten Cats - Worcester	672
FY22-7085b	Forgotten Cats - Wicomico	893
FY22-7087	Frederick Co. Humane Society	247
FY22-7090	Beltsville Community Cats	105
FY22-7092	February Star Sanctuary	91
FY22-7094	A Cat's Life Rescue	210
FY22-7095	Baywater Animal Rescue	70
FY22-7098	MCC3	151
FY22-7099	Queen Anne's Co. Animal Services	76
FY23-8001	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	418
FY23-8002	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	787
FY23-8005	Baltimore Humane Society	326
FY23-8007	HART For Animals	327
FY23-8010	Laurel Cats Inc.	807
FY23-8011	BARCS	849
FY23-8012	BARCS	1,750
FY23-8013	Maryland SPCA	1,293
FY23-8020	Prince George's County AS	259
FY23-8025	Humane Society of Wicomico County	80
FY23-8027	Talbot Humane	648
FY23-8032	Humane Society of Somerset County	144
FY23-8038	Tip Me Frederick	528
FY23-8040	Baltimore County AS	1,100
FY23-8046	Chesapeake Feline Association	344
FY23-8049	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	390
FY23-8050	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	300
FY23-8059	Anne Arundel County ACC	100
FY23-8062	Alley Cat Rescue, Inc.	240



FY23-8065	Caroline County Humane Society	74
FY23-8073	Cecil County Animal Services	350
FY23-8078	Shadow Cats TNR, Inc.	497
FY23-8079	St. Mary's Animal Welfare League	270
FY23-8083	Worcester County Humane Society	57
FY23-8086a	Forgotten Cats, Inc. (Worcester)	746
FY23-8086b	Forgotten Cats, Inc. (Wicomico)	996
FY23-8092	February Star Sanctuary	125
FY23-8094	A Cat's Life Rescue	240
FY23-8098	MCC3	118
FY23-8099	Queen Anne's County Animal Services	89
FY23-8101	Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter	156
FY24-9001	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	417
FY24-9002	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	599
FY24-9003	Caroline County Humane Society	80
FY24-9004	Caroline County Humane Society	258
FY24-9005	Baltimore Humane Society	390
FY24-9007	HART for Animals, Inc.	302
FY24-9010	Laurel Cats, Inc.	790
FY24-9012	Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS)	1,800
FY24-9013	Maryland SPCA, Inc.	1,788
FY24-9016	Humane Society of Charles County	210
FY24-9019	Prince George's County Animal Services Division	320
FY24-9025	Humane Society of Wicomico County	73
FY24-9027	Talbot Humane	725
FY24-9032	Humane Society of Somerset County MD	287
FY24-9040	Baltimore County Animal Services	1,200
FY24-9042	Last Chance Animal Rescue, Inc.	300
FY24-9046	Chesapeake Feline Association Inc.	365
FY24-9049	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	425
FY24-9050	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	325
FY24-9052	Snip Tuck, Inc.	257
FY24-9062	Alley Cat Rescue, Inc.	200
FY24-9064	Feral Cat Rescue, Inc	251
FY24-9073	Cecil County Animal Services	635
FY24-9078	Shadow Cats TNR	299
FY24-9079	SMAWL	161
FY24-9086A	Forgotten Cats, Inc. (Worcester)	750
FY24-9086B	Forgotten Cats, Inc. (Wicomico)	1,000
FY24-9094	A Cat's Life Rescue	280



FY24-9098	Montgomery Co Community Cat Coalition	95
FY24-9099	Queen Anne's County Animal Services	68
FY24-9101	Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter	151
FY24-9105	Somerset County Dog Control	0
FY25-10001	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	325
FY25-10002	Rude Ranch Animal Rescue	544
FY25-10003	Caroline County Humane Society	130
FY25-10004	Caroline County Humane Society	259
FY25-10007	HART for Animals, Inc.	418
FY25-10010	Laurel Cats, Inc.	436
FY25-10011	BARCS	531
FY25-10012	BARCS	752
FY25-10013	Maryland SPCA, Inc.	498
FY25-10019	Prince George's County Animal Services	0
FY25-10020	Prince George's County Animal Services	76
FY25-10027	Talbot Humane	376
FY25-10032	Humane Society of Somerset County	306
FY25-10040	Baltimore County Animal Services	393
FY25-10042	Last Chance Animal Rescue	176
FY25-10046	Chesapeake Feline Association	186
FY25-10049	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	467
FY25-10050	Sunshine's Friends Cat & Dog Rescue	360
FY25-10059	Anne Arundel County ACC	0
FY25-10062	Alley Cat Rescue, Inc.	190
FY25-10064	Feral Cat Rescue, Inc.	228
FY25-10073	Cecil County Animal Services	256
FY25-10078	Shadow Cats TNR	97
FY25-10079	SMAWL	54
FY25-10086a	Forgotten Cats-Worcester County	7
FY25-10086b	Forgotten Cats-Wicomico County	282
FY25-10092	February Star Sanctuary	85
FY25-10094	A Cat's Life Rescue	290
FY25-10095	Baywater Animal Rescue	20
FY25-10098	MCC3	45
FY25-10099	Queen Anne's County Animal Services	53
FY25-10101	Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter	85
FY25-10105	Somerset County Dog Control	0
FY25-10110	City of New Carrollton	69
FY25-10111	City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter	11
FY25-10113	City of College Park	25
TOTAL SURGERIES REPORTED AS OF 6/30/25:		140,590



Accomplishments by Funding Cycle as of the Close of FY25:

- The cumulative target number of surgeries approved for all 11 funding cycles thus far is 144,453 procedures. At the end of the fiscal year, 140,590 (97%) of the total target number of surgeries were reported as completed. This number includes active projects that are not yet complete, but does not include reports not submitted as of 6/30/25.
- Of the completed projects (FY15 through FY19, FY21):
 - FY15 resulted in 5,133 procedures out of the 5,340 projected (96.1%)
 - FY16 resulted in 8,267 procedures out of the 8,281 projected (99.8%)
 - FY17 resulted in 13,654 procedures out of the 12,863 projected (106.15%)
 - FY18 resulted in 14,350 procedures out of the 13,973 projected (102.7%)
 - FY19 resulted in 16,940 procedures out of the 16,364 projected (103.5%)
 - FY21 resulted in 15,407 procedures out of the 14,460 projected (106.5%)
- Of the five funding cycles with active projects at the close of FY25:
 - FY20 projects completed 15,256 surgeries (99.9% of the 15,263 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY25.
 - FY22 projects completed 14,343 surgeries (99.2% of the 14,446 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY25.
 - FY23 projects completed 14,408 surgeries out of the 14,494 projected (99.4% of the 14,494 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY25.
 - FY24 projects completed 14,802 surgeries (101.4% of the 14,590 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY25.
 - FY25 projects completed 8,030 surgeries (55.8% of the 14,379 goal), with 29 projects still active at the close of FY25.

Goals for FY26:

- Close out the remaining active projects.
- Continue managing the active projects.
- Fund as many projects as fully as possible from the pool of FY26 cycle applications, and manage the FY26 projects cycle.
- Provide oversight for all projects to ensure funds are dispersed to grantees as per each project schedule, that all reports and related project obligations are met, and to offer assistance and guidance to all project managers to help them reach or exceed their goals.



PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The following summarizes the outreach efforts put forth with regards to the Spay and Neuter Program during the fiscal year.

Accomplishments for FY25:

- The Spay and Neuter Advisory Board met on August 23, 2024 to discuss funding for FY25 projects. The meeting was advertised on the MDA website two weeks prior to the meeting date and posted on Open Meetings.
- The Spay and Neuter Advisory Board met again on October 28, 2024 and November 26, 2024 to discuss changes to the applications, guidelines, and program policies in an effort to improve the program's operations. The meetings were advertised on the MDA website two weeks prior to the meeting dates and posted on Open Meetings.
- Other program announcements were made on the department's website, on MDA's social media accounts, and on the program webpage.
- The program webpage is located on the department's website and is the main repository for all documents, materials, and information relating to the Spay and Neuter Grants Program. The Program Coordinator reviews and audits the webpage throughout the year, and adds updates and additional information and materials as necessary. There were 40,282 unique visits to the Spay and Neuter Grants Program website in FY25.
- Outreach events attended during FY25 include the Maryland State Fair, Governor's Buy Local Cookout, MD SPCA's Pawliday Village, and BARCStoberfest.
- In addition, each funded project performs localized and targeted outreach and education, not only about the services provided through their grants, but important general information about the need and benefits from the spay and neuter of owned pets and community cats, and where to find additional resources.

Goals for FY26:

- Continue to promote the program through all media available, including a focus on messaging via MDA social media.
- Attend as many public events as possible, in partnership with grantees providing programs in the area, whenever possible.
- Look for new ideas and materials to promote the program to the public and potential applicants.



ADVISORY BOARD

The Maryland Secretary of Agriculture appointed the seven-member Spay and Neuter Advisory Board (SNAB) on November 7, 2013. The SNAB is tasked to make recommendations on the program guidelines and regulations needed to implement the state's Spay and Neuter Fund and provide funding recommendations to the Secretary for each funding cycle.

Accomplishments for FY25:

- During May through August of 2024, the SNAB carefully reviewed all 38 grant applications submitted for FY25 funding. In anticipation of the annual funding meeting in August, each reviewer conducted their independent evaluations and scored the applications via OneStop. These scores were used to rank the applications, to facilitate the discussion, and help the SNAB formulate funding recommendations to submit to the Secretary of Agriculture.
- The SNAB met on August 23, 2024 to discuss funding for FY25 projects. One SNAB member attended virtually, and the rest of the SNAB met in-person at MDA headquarters. The meeting was posted on Open Meetings and the program webpage, two weeks prior to the meeting date.
- The SNAB held work sessions on October 28 and November 26, 2024, to discuss updates to the Program's applications, instructions, associated materials, and administration. Approved updates to the Program include, but are not limited to; a maximum request cap based on an applicant's annual operating budget, requiring all applicants to adhere to a January 1-December 31 timeline (applicants may request a single quarter grant extension subject to program approval), changes to the emergency medical request policy and procedure, changes to allowable and prohibited expenses, removing the Capital Expense Request grant opportunity (the program had only ever received two Capital Expense Grant Applications since inception and only one of them was funded), and establishing that organizations may only apply for one of each type of grant, among others. The work sessions were posted on Open Meetings and the program webpage, two weeks prior to the session dates.

Goals for FY26:

- Continue to strive for efficiency in the program and the processes.
- Hold hybrid (in-person/virtual) annual meeting at MDA, on August 22, 2025 to discuss and vote on formulating the FY26 funding recommendations to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture.



DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

Accomplishments for FY25:

- As noted in previous sections of this report, grant materials were updated pursuant to the SNAB work sessions in FY25, all forms and guidance documents were edited to reflect the same, and the program webpage was updated with these new materials.
- An annual audit of the Program website and its contents was conducted in June 2025. In addition, the website is reviewed and updated as necessary throughout the year.
- An annual reconciliation of reports and other data in OneStop was conducted to ensure data is correct when compared to the Excel data trackers.
- Met with the MEGA Council (Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council) to discuss incorporating the Program into their plans.

Goals for FY26:

- Conduct annual review of all applications, reports, guidance, materials, website/webforms, and systems; update or improve as needed.
- Continue keeping the project website updated with current information.
- Continue to explore and develop new tools for applicants and project managers.
- Continue to work with MEGA Council.



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 Section. The following lists the accomplishments in fee collection during this period. The program invoices registrants for the annual fee during the first week of October, and payments, whether made immediately or any time subsequent to the invoice date, are good only until the following October. The registrants are asked to review the invoice and product list on which the fee was calculated. They were instructed to delete any products no longer sold in Maryland or did not meet the definition of “cat or dog feed or treat” or add any new products that may have been missing from the list.

Accomplishments during FY25:

- Invoices for the 2024-2025 billing period were sent during the first week of October 2024. Using product and registrant information from the State Chemist Section database, the invoices were created by DoIT, then emailed to the Spay and Neuter Grants Program Coordinator to print, sort, stuff, and mail. Each invoice was sent via first class U.S. mail (unless otherwise requested by the registrant to be emailed) and included an explanatory cover letter, a list of products on which the invoice total was based, and instructions as to where to send the payment.
- The Program Coordinator maintained a program fee Excel spreadsheet that serves as the main repository of fee remittance information. The Coordinator maintained all paperwork pertaining to each paid invoice.
- Formal second notices were sent in January 2025, and subsequent attempts to make contact with delinquent accounts occurred on additional dates by email and telephone.
- Formal third notices were sent via U.S.P.S. certified or registered mail in March 2025 to the remaining delinquent accounts. If still unpaid at the end of July 2025, the accounts will be sent to the State’s Central Collections Unit (CCU).
 - Some of these accounts also owe prior year fees, which have already been submitted to CCU. To date, they have not paid any fees to this Program, but they are continuing to register products for sale in Maryland, while refusing to pay the Spay and Neuter Program Fees. Their unpaid FY25 fees will be submitted to CCU as well.
- The total number of products invoiced was 12,701 for a total of \$1,270,100.00. Of those products, 762 (\$76,200.00) old products were removed. New products added totaled 17 (\$1,700.00).
- As of June 30, 2025, \$1,183,600.00 had been collected, with \$10,400.00 still due from 13 registrants.

Goals for FY26:

- Continue to attempt to collect the unpaid fees that were sent to the CCU.
- Continue to maintain invoice fee tracking spreadsheet.
- Provide support for pet food registrants regarding the fees.
- Send out the 2025-2026 invoices in the first week of October 2025.



SHELTER STATISTICS SURVEYS

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 Program Coordinator did during this reporting period to meet this requirement.

Accomplishments for FY25:

- At the end of FY25, 33 facilities report shelter data to the department. Of these facilities, 26 are municipal animal services agencies or nonprofit animal shelters that receive either full or partial county funding, and seven are private nonprofit animal shelters that do not receive county funding.
- While agencies saw a significant decrease in the number of intakes and euthanasia at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately, starting in FY22 and through FY25, shelters across our state saw these numbers steadily increase. This was expected, as we know that during the onset of COVID-19, shelter intake and euthanasia rates were unusually low for several months. Intake has increased at a rate higher than that of euthanasia.
- The program website was updated with any missing reports and data, and the statistics reporting page was updated with additional information and helpful links.

Goals for FY26:

- Continue to actively promote animal adoption, spaying and neutering, fostering, volunteering, and helping your local animal shelter.
- When at community events, ensure citizens are made aware of the shelter crisis, and how they can help lessen the burden.
- Maintain good working relationships with shelters, to help them decrease intake and euthanasia.



