



CFMC Grant Application

COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE Community Foundation of Middlesex County Competitive Cycle.

Instructions: Complete the application on the website. You may "Save and Continue Later" - the site will email you a link which is active for 30 days. Review instructions document for full details before completing. Complete all questions.

Section V requires certain documents to be uploaded to the form - see the Application Instructions Document for a list of the required items. All items must be uploaded as PDF Files. The CFMC Budget Summary form is available on the website in Word. This document must be submitted as PDF file as well.

I. Application Information

Legal Name of Organization

Cat Tales, Inc.

Division or Department Name (if applicable)

Other Tax Exempt Entity?

Are you a 501(c)3 Organization

Yes

EIN #

06-1538839

If your organization is not a 501(c) 3 tax exempt entity or division/department of a 170(c)1 government agency or religious organization, please contact Thayer Talbott, 860.347.0025, for further information before completing the application.

Total Cost associated with request \$

205,131

Dollar Amount Requested \$

5,000

Summary Statement

The two major expenses for Cat Tales are veterinary costs (including vet bills and medication) and cat food. The \$5,000 will be spent on both of these categories.

II. Funding Request Information

1. Proposal / Purpose

Cat Tales cares for about 200 cats at a time. We maintain the main foster home on Bow Lane, support a network of foster homes, and maintain feral cat colonies. The veterinary care and food costs are in the neighborhood of \$100,000 in a given year so these are the two categories where the most financial assistance is needed. There are other costs, of course, which include utilities for the shelter, advertising for events, litter, trash pick-up at the shelter, etc. All services are provided by volunteers. There are no paid staff.

2. Sustainability and Assessing Impact

Regarding sustainability, Cat Tales was founded in 1999, and each year hence has raised the funds necessary for operation. In addition to grants, Cat Tales has adoption donations, general donations, and fund raising events, e.g., the Cats in the Castle annual gala, spaghetti dinners, walk-a-thons and special past events like an evening dinner party with a psychic and a car show.

As one of its services, Cat Tales devotes volunteer time and money to maintaining feral cat colonies. This directly impacts the number of cats in the community from skyrocketing. Well considered adoption placements also result in forever homes for the placed cats with very few returns. Close working relationships with area animal control officers also impact the efficiency of operations.

III. Grant Program / Project Information

Organization Area of Impact (choose ONE)

Animal Welfare and Protection

Grant Type (choose ONE)

General Organization Support/Improvement

Target Demographics (Select all that apply):

- Families
- Animals

Geographic Area(s) Served By This Application:

- Cromwell
- Middletown
- Portland

Total Number of People in Middlesex County Personally Impacted

Approximately 100-150 cats and the families that adopt them

IV. Organization Information

Board of Directors / Trustees Information

Percent (%) of Directors/Trustees who contribute annually to Operations

100%

Total Number of Directors/Trustees:

7

Average number attending in person:

7

Total Number of Board meetings held last year:

4

Year of Return:

2022

Date most recent IRS Form 990 was filed:

2022

Organization's Total Operating Budget

190000

Organization's Fiscal Year

Jan 1 - Dec 31

Division Operating Budget Information

National Organization Chapter Information

Did you RECEIVE a competitive process grant in the:

- 2022-2023 process (fall 2022 or spring 2023)

Brief Background Statement of the Organization:

Cat Tales began in 1999. Since then, it has served Middletown and some of its bordering towns (e.g., Cromwell) through no-kill sheltering and placement of cats and kittens, as well as maintaining feral cat colonies. It cares for about 200 cats at a time. Cat Tales has a devoted and dedicated volunteer base and a consistent donor base, as well.

V. Additional Information To Be Included with the Application

Please Note: Additional information requested below MUST be uploaded in PDF files. Other document formats will not be accepted by the application form. Attempts to upload other file formats could result in a loss of all application data entered.

A. Current Organization Operations Budget (Required)

- Catales-Budget-2024-1-page.pdf

B. Board of Directors and Officers List (Required)

- Catales-BOD-member-Jan-1-2024.pdf

C. IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter

- Catales-IRS-determination-letter.pdf

D. For Program/Project Requests only - CFMC Budget Summary Form:

E. Organizations serving a region greater than Middlesex County - county-based budget summary:

F. America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

No

ARPA Funding detail

Additional financial documentation, including the organization's most recent audit, annual report, and IRS Form 990 may also be required. Only provide this information if requested.

For programs or projects which are collaborations among two or more organizations or where an organization provides in-school or after-school programming for schools, the Community Foundation requires a list of organizations or schools partnering with your organization as well as Letters of Support.

For the purposes of this application, collaborations are defined as partnerships where two or more agencies are committed through staffing, funding, and resource allocation to the goals and objectives of the program described. Because the nature of the collaboration requires two or more entities to work together, for the purposes of funding, only one organization may complete the application, and in doing so, accepts responsibility for all evaluative and fiduciary reporting.

For all collaborations, the Community Foundation requires letters of support from the non-applicant organization(s) and/or from the school(s) and school district(s) at which the applicant organization is the program.

Is this application in collaboration with a School(s) or School District(s)?

No

Is this application a collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations (NOT schools)?

No

If this is an On-Going Collaboration, how long has the collaboration existed?

If Yes, is this a New or On-Going Collaboration?

List of Collaborators

Letters of Support (if a collaboration with schools or other nonprofits))

VI. Organization Contact Information

Are you a new nonprofit applicant to the Community Foundation?

No

Title

Treasurer

Executive Officer's Name

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Title

Board Member

Contact Person

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United States

Website

Social Media Channels

VII. Non-Funding Needs

Cat Tales relies heavily on publicity and fund raising events. To the degree that you could support either or both would be appreciated.

VIII. Marketing and Public Relations

Organizations receiving grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County must promote their funding awards according to the marketing and public relations guidelines established by the Community Foundation. By signing the application below, the CEO/Executive Director understands the Community Foundation's marketing and public relations requirements if awarded a grant. The Community Foundation will host a seminar on marketing guidelines and tips for grantees annually. The Community Foundation's Grantee Communications Kit may be downloaded on our website in the Nonprofit Resources section, middlesexcountycf.org/nonprofits/resources/forms-pr-guidelines/.

IX. Tax Exempt Standing and Use of Grant Funding Certification

By signing this application, the CEO/Executive Director/Board President is certifying that your organization is a qualified 501c3 organization or other charitable organization recognized and currently in good standing with the IRS, or 170(c)(1) governmental agencies. Should a grant be approved by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, these funds may only be used for the purpose outlined in your original application; you must notify us if you are unable to do so. If grant funding is provided, you may only use these funds for charitable purpose as described in Section 170(c)2 of the IRS code, and funds may not be used for any political or lobbying activity. In addition, no tangible benefits, goods or services may be received by our donors or by staff members of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in exchange for grant funding.

Signature Certification

I certify that my printed name as stated and assigned below constitutes my signature and may be accepted as such.

Title

Treasurer

Printed Name

Karen A. Spotts

Date

03/02/2024