



KARUNA SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS AND NATURE



Annual Report: April 2021 to March 2022

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Introduction

Karuna Society for Animals and Nature is a registered non-profit animal welfare organization in India under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. We were registered in Anantapur on September 18, 2000, Nr. 685 of 2000.

This year, we continued to face challenges directly related to the covid pandemic which struck the world in March 2020. This year donations continued to be less, and we lost several valuable employees and even Board Members for different unrelated reasons.

S.No	Project	Expenses	Estimated Budget	Estimated Budget
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023 (USD)
1	Small Animal Clinic	Rs.12,69,687	Rs.13,97,000	\$18,000
2	Animal Birth Control	Rs.10,17,848/-	Rs.11,19,000	\$14,300
3	Cattle Project	Rs. 28,17,832/-	Rs.31,38,000	\$40,000
4	Wildlife Centre	Rs.17,75,825/-	Rs.19,53,000	\$25,000
6	Administration	Rs. 20,04,663/-	Rs.22,05,000	\$28,200
TOTAL Expenses 2021 - 2022		Rs. 89,21,158/-	Rs.98,12,000/-	\$125,500
TOTAL Income 2021 - 2022		Rs.91,55,345/-		
Upcoming project WL Construction		?? Cost Unknown		





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Annual Treatment Report for the Financial Year: 2021-2022

Cases of In & Out Patient animals	No. treated	No. of animals admitted	No. of treatments	Improved & discharged	Still under treatment	Natural death	Euthanized	ARV
Distemper in dogs	194	16	668	176	5	6	7	0
Parvo-Virus in dogs	240	1	813	233	6	1	0	0
Rabies	7	6	9	0	0	1	6	0
Accident/injury	63	26	459	36	22	4	1	2
Surgery	23	6	151	21	2	0	0	11
Others	816	78	5507	743	44	25	4	171
Resident Animals	124	0	772	87	25	11	1	1
Total	1467	133	8379	1296	104	48	19	185

Animals operated	ABC		Other surgeries	ARV
	Male	Female		
Dogs	240	261	13	513
Cats	0	1	2	2
Cattle	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0
Total	240	262	15	515

Resident animals	Number
Dogs	41
Cats	30
Cattle	203
Horses	07
Donkey	07
Camel	01
Wildlife	54
Total number	343

The total number for the year 2021 -2022:

Animal Birth Control: 502

Other surgeries: 38

Animals treated: 1467

Treatments given: 8379

ARV given: 1233

Rescues: 58

Donations & Grants

We could continue our core activities and excellent care of our rescued animals thanks to a special and precious few very generous donors who have supported us during good and hard times over many years. Here, we would like to sincerely acknowledge the following donors:

Help Animals India

Help Animals India has been supporting our work for nearly a decade! During the 2021-2022 financial year, they sent us a whopping 20 lakh rupees (over \$25,000) for salaries, food and medicines, the new wildlife centre construction & cleaning, and cat toys. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS!



Tata Trusts

In late March 2019 **TATA TRUSTS** awarded us an important grant of over 58 lakh rupees (about \$77,000) for three years. This financial assistance was critical in helping us to weather the storm of covid and other challenges, including the reduction of donations from other sources. With this financial year, the grant has been fully spent and ended. We are wholeheartedly grateful for the coverage of salaries for 11 of our employees throughout this year from Tata Trusts! HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU!

TATA TRUSTS

The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust

The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust and the Foundation Marchig (UK) has come through every year with generous grants which relieve our financial anxiety and allow us to purchase desperately needed food and medicines. This year they gave more than 18 lakh rupees (\$23,000)! YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO US, THANK YOU!



Mission of Mercy Foundation

Through his Foundation, Mr. Harcharan Singh has been supporting us now for several years and is always ready to come through when we need help the most - with a heart full of care and concern for the animals. This year he donated nearly 7 lakh rupees. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Rural Development Trust (Anantapur, AP, India)

Our association with RTD and its Executive Director Anne Ferrer has been a gift from heaven, with generous monthly donations (this year, totally 9 lakh rupees) and helpful advice and guidance gathered from decades of their first-hand experience. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT!



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Small Animal Clinic

Karuna Society's aim is to provide free treatment and shelter to all stray/street/free animals in need of help. After 20 years of service, continuing animal birth control, and medical treatment, the living conditions for animals in Puttaparthi has drastically improved. People bring injured and sick animals from far and wide, and this year we treated 1,467 animals.

Last year, we brainstormed on new Guidelines to deal with ongoing issues regarding our limited resources and the public expecting full treatment of any animal brought to our clinic. This year we have strictly enforced limiting the number of inpatients according to our available employee time and expertise, and of course, the condition of the animal.

Permanent Dogs: 41 and Cats: 30



Newsletter: Our "Special Care" Paralyzed Dogs: A Happy Lot!

July 2021

For many years Karuna has been receiving animals who are seriously injured in accidents. Most of them are dogs, hit by a car or a bike. If they are lucky, only the back part of their body is injured: a broken hind leg, a hip injury or more seriously, damage to the spine which leaves them paralysed. Normally we have between 5 to 15 "special care" animals for daily treatment and dressing.



Raju's owners brought him after he had an accident



Some dogs can go home after recovery, but some will become permanent "special care residents" as they need daily bandaging of the legs to prevent injury. As caring for these dogs is part of our daily routine we do not think much about it, but this week after discussing how many treatments on a daily basis we provide to them there was a sudden "AHA" moment, a light bulb came on in our head.

"IT IS ACTUALLY VERY SPECIAL WHAT WE DO!"

In some countries these animals will be euthanized. In others, like India they are left to die as no help is available. Life is not easy, but it can still be lived to the fullest when help is available! That help is made possible thanks to a number of very faithful supporters of Karuna. Thank you!

Note: At Karuna we also have disabled cows, buffalo and wildlife in our care. That is for another time!

-- Clementien



Laddu's owners abandoned him at Karuna's doorstep secretly; however through CCTV footage, we located the owners, who now visit him occasionally at Karuna. He has a spinal injury due to an accident.

An Unassuming Little Bitch

December 2021

Our President, Clementien, writes: Several months ago an old female stray dog, who we named 'Riya,' was brought to our shelter. She was dehydrated, malnourished and screaming in pain. She was unable to walk and we had to touch her to pick her up for cleaning and treatment - when we did that, she screamed in agony and fear! It looked like she couldn't live long and we had to consider the different options for her.



I took some time to be with her and observe her. Suddenly something caught my eye: a stubborn and determined gleam of survival instinct in her eyes! I was taken aback, as it was not what I had expected. I therefore advised the attendants to give her time and to be very gentle.

She started to eat well and slowly she filled up and her coat improved. I went to see her every day and one time, when I approached her from the wrong angle, she bit me badly in my arm and I had to take a booster of anti-rabies vaccine. However, slowly, she became less fearful and she cried less. I could then touch her and rub her belly while I talked to her!

And then the unexpected happened: she stood up and walked!! She walked to the gate as if to say, "It is time to go home." Unfortunately, that was not possible and she adjusted to the shelter routine. She did not cry anymore.



Riya is the older dog laying on the red cloth

It was the courage and determined survival instinct of this little stray dog that came to me in my own hour of need. I was screaming in pain caused by a spine fracture, and in severe agony before and after the spinal surgery. She inspired me to fight, to pick myself up and find my strength. I am now at home recovering. We are animals - pain is pain and suffering is suffering!

ABC (Animal Birth Control) and AR (Anti Rabies) Vaccinations

After 20 years of animal care, ABC and Rabies prevention, Puttaparthi is a safe area for devotees, tourists, working people and farmers. As we do not receive any financial support from the local government, we depend on donations.

Our Partnership with CHAL USA

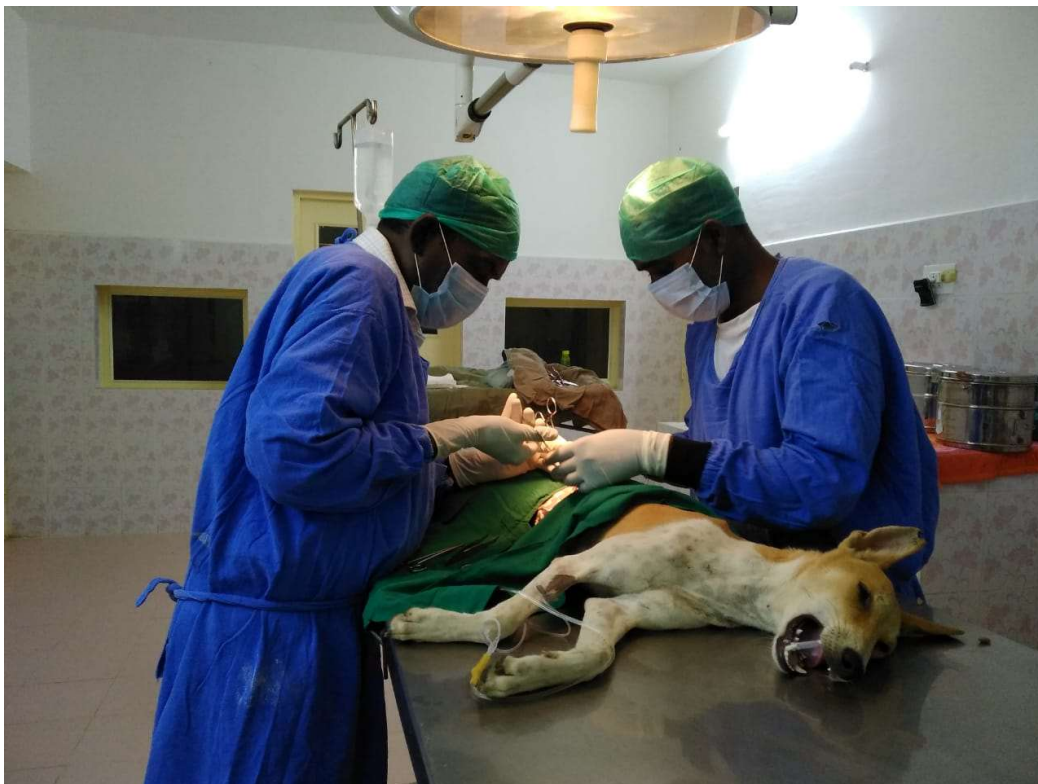
August 2021

We were thrilled to receive a generous \$3,000 (Rs 2,22,000) grant from CHAL USA,



*helping protect
animals and people
in India from the
scourge of rabies*

an organisation dedicated to helping protect animals and people in India from the scourge of rabies. The grant was used for our Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies program in our area of Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh, India. It went a long way to help hundreds of animals have a more comfortable and safer life - for themselves and for the humans around them. THANK YOU, CHAL USA!



Anti Rabies Vaccination Drive

Jan & Feb 2022

We conducted another free anti-rabies vaccination drive in Puttaparthi and other surrounding villages around our clinic (Puttaparthi, Karnatakanagepalli, Enumulapalli, Rayalavaripalli, Beedupalli) from January 31st to February 6th. During that time, we successfully vaccinated a total of 386 dogs! This is all due to YOUR HELP, our loyal supporters who make it possible with your ongoing donations.



Because of YOU, both the dogs and humans are safe from rabies bites. THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH!!

Total ABC Surgeries: 502

Total AR Vaccinations: 1,233



Cattle Rescue Project

Our rescued cattle live in two groups: one at the animal clinic/shelter in Enumulapalli where we keep the old and disabled ones who need special care; and the other group is at Karunapalli village several kilometres away, close to the forest.

The 120 cattle at Karunapalli are healthy and are allowed to live their life freely in the herd as they go out grazing during part of the year when there is fresh green grass growing. A few cows are unsterilized as we cannot catch them anymore for surgery, so occasionally there are a few new-born calves. This herd of cattle is slowly "Rewilding", remembering who they truly are.



Our Cattle Herders at Karunapalli

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

We currently have 55 rescued wildlife animals, many of whom have been with us for many years! Most of them were rescued with the initiation of the local Forest Department, as our centre is the only facility within hundreds of miles



to house injured and traumatised wildlife. Every month, we are called upon to rescue one or two more wildlife animals. Most are treated and released but occasionally another animal becomes a permanent resident at our facility.

As our existing wildlife centre was never designed for the numbers of animals we are called upon to rescue, the animals are in a more or less unsuitable housing which is why we are working tirelessly to construct the new wildlife centre according to a new Master Plan. Our ability to rescue wildlife is at present very limited due to the fact that we do not have adequate facilities to take in any animal. This underscores the need for a speedy development of our new wildlife rescue centre which is already a long time under development.

Updates on Our New Wildlife Centre

Our efforts to close our existing 6-acre Wildlife centre near to the Super Speciality Hospital, and complete the construction and transfer of our animals to our new 18-acres of land near to Rayalaseema, has had more roadblocks due to several reasons including the covid pandemic, frequent transfers of government officials within the Central Zoo Authority and elsewhere, and pending technical updates and changes.

We had received the long-awaited approval of our Master Plan in early March 2021, just before the new financial year began, however we were requested to make some changes. The changes were made but we are still waiting for the final recommendations from the Andhra Pradesh government. It has therefore been another year of frustration and waiting!

From 23rd to 25 June 2021, CZA conducted a hands-on virtual training in the Zoo Management Information System (ZOO-MIS), which was attended by our accountant Rajeswari and our veterinary surgeon, Dr M. Pratap Reddy.

On July 15 & 16, 2021, we welcomed Dr. Devendra Kumar from the Central Zoo Authority (CZA), to conduct an evaluation at the current (old) Wildlife Centre in connection with our application for extension of recognition.

On November 30, 2021, we were thrilled to receive an official communication from the CZA affirming that they will extend the Recognition until 15 November 2023, subject to a number of recommendations. We were instructed to submit a report after three months and a further report after six months.



Jan 2022: We completed a general clearing and cleaning of the new wildlife centre compound and improved nearby roads, including extending the compound wall and repairing electric lines, waterways, plantation and other facilities. We hope to start additional construction at the Centre.

Feeding and Care of our Deer!

We have more than a couple of dozen Black Bucks and Sambar Deer, rescued as injured or orphans and facing sure death in the forest. We have a big compound where they run around free. Our caretakers feed each deer 10kgs of Super Napier grass per day, as well as 4 kgs of a soaked supplement dana of maize, horsegram, groundnut and rice bran powders - along with nutritional supplements. In addition, they are on a deworming schedule of once every three months.



Two Rescued Monkeys

July 2021 We rescued two helpless little monkeys, who are now pals living lovingly together while they heal! The elder monkey is 3-4 months old and was rescued after being electrocuted. The other one was only a few days old when his mother leaped from one tree to the other and missed, falling to her death. We hope they can be released after rehabilitation



Four Peacocks Rescued, Treated and Released!

March 2022

The Peacock is the most beautiful National bird of India, Schedule 1. From the last two months, we received 4 Peacocks (1 male and 3 female): two from Narpala village, one from Kalyandurg range, and one from Bukkapatnam range, Puttaparthi. We received all the birds in a similar condition: partially paralyzed, could not fly and stand, loose motions with dehydration and in serious condition. So, we carefully treated all of them; however, unfortunately we couldn't save one peacock and it died. After recovery with good health and certified by our veterinarian, the other three were successfully released in the same location where they were originally found, in the presence of local authorities.

The last Peacock was released by me, C. Narendra Reddy, Secretary of Karuna Society. I went to Narpala village at a distance of 80 km with Shiva (a volunteer). I observed there are many commercial crops in the middle of mango, orange and banana gardens like beans, chilly, peanuts, cowpeas etc., so the birds can roam very freely to eat. I observed that there is a lot of pesticide spraying. In my



personal opinion, they may get seasonal diseases or even be poisoned by the chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Farmers are very friendly with birds and wild animals. If they find any birds that fall in their gardens, they immediately inform us and bring the animal with their own expense. When I released the last bird it was very happy and the farmers were also happy to see the bird healthy again! I advised them to take care when giving pesticides to the crops and try to change the farming to organic.



Other News

FCRA Account in Delhi

April 2021

In early 2021 we were informed about the updated Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) requirements of starting a new bank account in New Delhi, to receive all foreign contributions. After initial struggles, we were happy to get the approval and new bank information on April 1, 2021 – an auspicious way to begin the new financial year!



Corona Has Come To Karuna

May 2021

Finally Corona has entered Karuna. We have tried to be very strict with the masks, but.....! Some of our staff have been coughing recently and Narendra, our Secretary, and his family tested positive some days ago. (All have now recovered.) Two days ago, two more attendants got sick and needed to stay home. They will be tested tomorrow at home by the health department. For the management of our shelters it means moving attendants around, working with less people and taking help from outside.

There is a strong stigma connected with Covid and fear of being isolated from the family. Most people know by now the symptoms of Covid but they do not get tested and instead, they go to their local doctor and hope they have something different. As a consequence, they continue to go around spreading the virus without proper treatment. When they do not recover, they finally go to the covid centre - but it might be too late!

As I have already been vaccinated and Narendra has recovered (he's had the first dose of the vaccine), we are able to oversee all activities and make adjustments to make sure that all animals are cared for. Be safe, be well! - Clementien

Newsletter: KARUNA HAS COME OF AGE: 21 YEARS OLD!

September 2021

As of 18 September 2021, Karuna has been in service to the animals for 21 years! We've been treating dogs and cats, rescuing cattle from slaughter, and rescuing wildlife. Attending court cases, building up facilities, teaching staff, fundraising and financial management – it all goes in a day's work! We never missed a day!

Today we are remembering all the animals that came to us for shelter and care during these 21 years.

We are also remembering that nothing could have been accomplished without all of our Friends and Donors who stood by us for 21 years!

Diwali Clothes Distribution

November 2021

On the occasion of Diwali 2021, one of our loyal donors sponsored new clothes for all our employees!



THANK YOU to Mr. Harcharan Singh and his Mission of Mercy Foundation! Shown distributing the clothes are our Secretary, Mr. Narendra Reddy and Treasurer, Mr. Manjunath Gurikani.

Our Organic Garden Benefits Our Rescued Animals

Within a few months of March 2020 when covid lockdowns hit the world, we had to close down our Ahimsa Organic product line. However, we continue to grow limited organic crops which benefit our rescued animals - our animals love the fresh, healthy produce grown just a few feet away!



Puttaparthi Flooding

November 2021 to January 2022



Karuna's Clinic Supervisor D. Narasimha on Puttaparthi Main Road, 18 Nov 2021

In November 2021 there was flooding and heavy rains which continued unabated for many weeks in several states of India, leading to many tragic circumstances. Puttaparthi village was also flooded, and it directly impacted the functioning of Karuna Society; due to a bridge collapse connecting Rayalavaripalli and Karunapalli villages (where we have 120 rescued cattle and the new wildlife centre under construction), our cattle herders, field laborers and other employees were unable to get to work. In some cases, we had to change job duties to allow

employees to work closer to where they live. At the clinic in Enumulapalli and at the old wildlife centre there is damage to all constructions: cracks, leaking, etc. We had to send out a Newsletter appealing for disaster relief funds, and were touched and delighted to receive very encouraging support!

Eventually, we cleared a very old farmer's road which takes us through a roundabout detour of 15 kilometres (previously only 5 km) - but at least we were then able to reach Karunapalli with supplies.



Rayalavaripalli Bridge: Karuna's Transportation and Labour Force's Lifeline

Clementien's Illness

November 2021 to March 2022

This year the health of our President, Clementien, was badly affected. In November she fell and hurt her back and had a stay in the hospital with surgery. The slow and painful recovery necessarily curtailed her daily involvement in Karuna's activities. She is now on the road to normality and the Secretary, Narendra, is working hard to insure Karuna's activities are going on as usual.



Employee's Updated Responsibilities

In April, our Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. M. Pratap Reddy, B.V.Sc, was appointed as Wildlife Centre Supervisor and full-time veterinarian from 1 June 2021. He is implementing and overseeing all protocols like food sample testing, medical check-ups, updating records, etc. Our accounting specialist in the office, Rajeswari, also stepped up to the challenge and added additional administrative responsibilities to her already full schedule.



Dr. M. Pratap Reddy treating a peacock

In addition, Dr. M. Sreenivasulu was appointed to conduct the ABC surgeries from 1 April 2021, due to our former surgeon moving out of range.

This year we continued our extensive search for help in Administration, but continue to face roadblocks and failed efforts.

Losing & Gaining Board Members

Our Vice-President since inception in 2000, Mrs. Romula Theresa D'Silva, tendered her resignation in March 2021, and though it was accepted in a Board Meeting in the same month, it took some months to finalise it officially due to setbacks. We are grateful for her years of service and will soon be appointing a new Vice-President.

On 1 May 2021, our dear friend and Board Member since inception in 2001, Mr Asgar Ali Khan (Ahmed), passed away due to a sudden heart attack.

We have proposed Mr Irudaya Mohan Fernandez as a future Board Member, which will be finalised in due time.

Lastly, in February 2022, Adinarayana Reddy submitted his request to become a Karuna Board Member.



Rest in Peace, Ahmed!



Animal lover, Mr. Irudaya Mohan Fernandez

Annual Staff Meet

March 2022

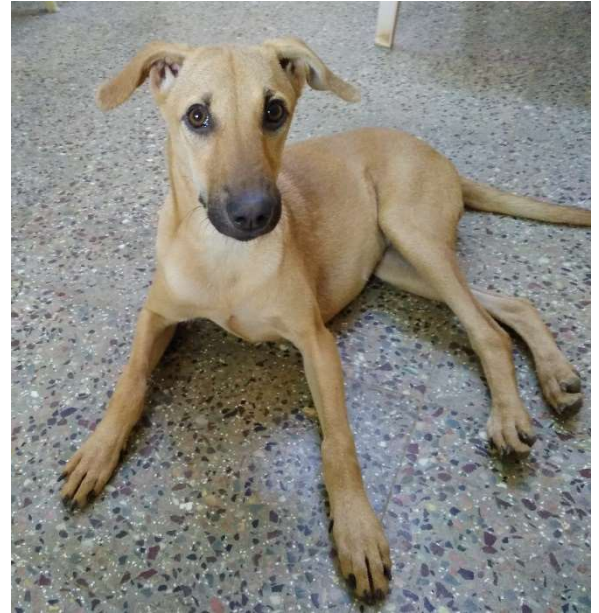
Karuna Society held its annual Staff Appreciation Meet on March 21, 2022, presided over by Secretary Narendra Reddy. Absolutely nothing would be possible without our dedicated and hardworking staff! They dress wounds, give medications, feed, clean and make sure all our rescued helpless animals have the care needed to live happy and healthy lives! THANK YOU to all our loyal staff!!



PLANNING

We never expected a second year of the corona epidemic and we do not know what the future will bring. This makes planning for this new year complicated! We have decided to continue the daily practice of animal rescue and care in our area, and for all the animals in our shelters, without new ideas about the future till we understand better how this will work out.

Most urgent is the follow-up of the development of the new wildlife rescue centre which has been in the planning and development for years. It is important that final decisions and permissions will be granted to us by the CZA. The wild rescued animals in our old centre have been confined for too long in less-than-ideal living conditions. Although they are all looked after well by our staff, they deserve better.



The future for wildlife and forest in our area does not only depend on our rescue activities and the coordination with the Forest department, it also depends on the qualified support we are able to provide. Depending on future funding and cooperation with other organisations, national and foreign, we are planning for the following improvements:

- Secure the Rs.1,20,00,000 (about \$160,000) running cost and approximately 60 lakh Rupees (about \$80,000) for our new wildlife centre construction.
- Apart from the Veterinary officer and a biologist/zoologist, we see the need for a veterinary surgeon at the hospital with OT and necessary equipment. Ideally, we would apply for a grant to support their salary (about Rs. 50,000/- or \$700 a month).
- For the small laboratory we will need a laboratory assistant.
- Find an all-round accomplished Administrator who can deal with CSR fundraising as well as general administration - a computer savvy person, capable of collecting data for reports and possible research. The team must work together from different disciplines for an optimal result for the lives of wild animals in our area.
- Start applications for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grant funding.