



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2867

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The 24-hour kitten nursery will be the first of its kind in Miami-Dade County. With the ever-increasing abandonment of kittens in our communities we must address this issue with proper medical care, round-the-clock supervision and give them a fighting chance at adoption. On average we are caring for over 550 kittens annually. Our team of volunteer fosters just cannot manage the care these kittens need nor are their homes equipped to manage any illnesses or life-threatening emergencies. This nursery will have the proper equipment to manage their needs, such as incubators and bottle sterilizers. The nursery will be staffed with professional veterinary technicians capable of handling emergencies as they arise.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	323,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	323,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	323,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	323,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$655,770 PPP-used to supplement lost income
\$655,700 PPP-used to supplement lost income

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Full time overnight Vet Tech staff (2) Full time overnight Animal Care staff (2) Full time day shift Animal Care staff (2) tax (FICA, Suta, W/C) Health/dental/etc. ins.	298,700
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Electrical, storage shelves, cabinets, lighting, incubators, light remodeling, scales, dryers, heating pads, sink, microwave, Tupperware, cages, sterilizers. etc.	24,300
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		323,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The purpose of the 24-hour kitten nursery is to save the lives of kittens that have been abandoned or born in the streets of our cities. Without round the clock care by professional veterinarians and a medical team their survival rate is dismal.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The kittens under our stewardship will have their daily needs met, administered medications, and monitored round the clock by a team of professional vet technicians. Once they are out of danger, healthy and sterilized we will place them up for adoption at our shelter.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Getting these kittens off the street at an early age and providing sterilization surgery before their first heat cycle will help prevent unwanted births and help reduce the over-population problem that plagues our communities.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

A female cat can have up to eight kittens per litter and have 2-3 litters per year. It is estimated that there are over 300,000.00 stray cats roaming the streets in Miami-Dade County alone. This is an overwhelming problem for our communities. On average we are caring for over 500 kittens at the shelter annually, however with a fully staffed 24-hour kitten nursery we can take in more cats, help Miami-Dade Animal Services and any surrounding shelters when they are at capacity.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

In time the outcome will be fewer stray cats roaming the streets and fewer births due to the increased number of sterilized kittens. We will measure our success by the survival rate and number of adoptions of these kittens.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Return the funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
☐ Local Entity
☐ University or College



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number