



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3607

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The requested funds will be used to rebuild and expand capacity at the City of LaBelle Animal Shelter. The age of the building, the plumbing and containment structure are in such disrepair the facility presents a safety hazard for the animals, employees and visitors alike.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	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 2024-2025	2,000,000	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?

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



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\$2,600,000 in ARPA funding. These funds were used on existing water and waste water infrastructure projects

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
 N/A

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

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 2025

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.

The facility is owned and operated by the City of LaBelle

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, Design, Engineering and Construction of a new Animal Shelter within the city..	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The City's animal shelter is beyond salvage. The building disrepair is such that it presents unsafe conditions for the animals as well as the shelter staff. This appropriation will update and expand shelter capacity. Address the safety concerns present in the existing building and minimize potential diseases common in areas where animals are overcrowded

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



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Planning, Design, Engineering and Construction of the new/updated facility.

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

Having an animal shelter which meets minimum health and safety standards benefits the public two-fold. First, it mitigates potential disease outbreaks which can be spread to the general pet population. Secondly, clean and healthier animals are more likely to get adopted and thus move from the city's care.

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

Residents within the city of LaBelle specifically but also a benefit to the unincorporated western part of Hendry County.

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

The new facility would allow for a cleaner, safer and more cost-efficient shelter. Measurement of these goals would include reduced disease transmission, lower operating costs, more pet adoptions

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?

City Ordinance 2011-17 outlines detailed provisions of penalties for failure to meet deliverables. These include but are not limited to cost recovery and suspension from bid eligibility

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
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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