



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2428

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Annually, the shelter receives approximately 2,000 neonates which are largely savable if provided with care outside a shelter setting. The neonate kittens must be put in foster care within 24 hours of entering the shelter. This program will assist the shelter's neonate care operations during peak months to help neonate kittens that require constant care and feeding every 2-3 hours per day to give them a chance to thrive and survive. Implementing this program will save more lives and reduce shelter euthanasia. There is also a high demand from the community to adopt kittens, this will allow the shelter to meet the community's request for adoptable kittens.

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	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

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)	100,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	20,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	120,000	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.

Miami-Dade County received \$1,419,320,111.50 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Neonate formula, bottles, incubators, heating blankets, and heating lamps	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted bottle feeders to care for the almost 2,000 neonate kittens coming into the shelter annually.	80,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

14. Program Performance

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

To create a program that will contract out neonate care operations during peak months to help neonate kittens that require the needed care. The funds would pay for these contracted foster services, including supplies, and who will then return the kittens when ready for adoption. Implementing this program will save more lives and reduce shelter euthanasia.



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

On average, the department receives almost 2,000 neonates per year. These neonates require constant care and feeding every 2-3 hours per day.

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

To create a program where the citizens have the ability to participate in community engagement and allow them the opportunity to give back to the community. Also, there is a demand for adoptable kittens in Miami-Dade. This program will allow the kittens, when ready for adoption, to meet the community demand.

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

2.7 million residents of Miami-Dade County would benefit of living in a more humane and conscientious environment where the unnecessary euthanasia of neonate has been eliminated.

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

The expected benefit would be reflected in the decrease of the cat euthanasia rate and increase in the survival rate of neonate kittens. The outcome will be measured by comparing the percentage of neonates euthanasia rate year over year.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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)



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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