



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1335

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Design and build an extension of approximately 16,100 sq ft to the existing Adoption Center. This extension would house a low-cost public veterinary clinic, surgery center and public humane education center. This design would create cohesion between existing buildings and help to meet the continued demand for services from the public and future growth of the department. This project will provide PCAS the ability to perform thousands of additional spay/neuter surgeries, preventative care vaccinations, tests, and procedures for citizen's pets annually, including veterinary care for homeless and under-served communities. In a recent citizen survey, it was noted approximately 48% of citizens in Pasco County do not have access to affordable veterinary care or simply cannot afford available veterinary care.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	9,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/30/2026

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

This project will produce a revenue stream of approximately 75% of operating costs. The remaining will be provided through county general funding requests.

11. 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.

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12. 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		
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	Site and building construction costs associated with the project	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose is to build a public clinic at the Animal Services facility to offer affordable veterinary vaccinations and spay/neuter services to the public. These services continue to be the highest need in the county for pet welfare among the elderly, veterans, and other demographics. The clinic will also house the administrative offices for the Animal Services Department as well as offer an education center for humane education.

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



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Provide affordable services for pet sterilization, vaccinations, testing, certain veterinary products to prevent common disease, parasite prevention, and treatment for Heartworm, zoonotic diseases including rabies prevention; and provide sterilization and vaccination services for the growing community cats populations in the area.

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

The Animal Services facility will offer affordable veterinary vaccinations and spay/neuter services to the public. These services continue to be the highest need in the county for pet welfare among the elderly, veterans, and other demographics.

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

The target population to be served would be the pet-owning public in the region. Individuals to be served would range between 10,000-15,000K annually.

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 of the project and services to be provided is to improve the health and well-being of people and pets in the community and reduce the threat of rabies. The methodology used to measure would be community surveys to determine quality of service as well as the need, afford-ability and availability of services provided; and the measure of vaccinations provided and compliance ratio of pet owning households.

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 in the contract?

If the project cannot be completed in a timely manner, state funding should be surrendered.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?



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a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.