



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2350

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

A healthy, efficient open-admission animal shelter increases public safety and supports the well-being of community members. With state support in FY 2023-2024, SPCA Tampa Bay was able to begin the design phase of a major renovation project. As part of these comprehensive campus renovations, state funding in 2024-2025 supported the early design and procurement phase for the \$1.9 million modern chiller system to create a safe, efficient, climate-controlled housing area for animals that also supports staff, volunteers and customers. Funding this year would support phase two of the early procurement process of the chiller system, along with building an enclosed garage where animals can be securely received and transferred to and from over 20 municipal and private partner shelters across Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	875,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>875,000</b>

**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)	875,000	5%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,125,000	7%
Local	4,800,000	28%
Other	10,400,000	60%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>17,200,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	375,000	2347A	No

9. Is future-year 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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/30/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2027

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

Post-construction maintenance will be included in the SPCA Tampa Bay's annual budget each year, and funding to support that maintenance will be received locally. With support from local donors and foundations, SPCA Tampa Bay has secured funding to support their operations since 1940.

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.

SPCA Tampa Bay would receive the funding directly; SPCA owns the facility and the 10-acres of property the facility sits on.

### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	SPCA Tampa Bay is requesting \$375,000 to support phase two of the design and procurement process of the modern chiller system to provide efficient climate control that will reduce air-borne illness transmission, decrease costs by 25% and reduce harmful emissions by 30%; and \$500,000 to build an enclosed garage where animals can be safely and securely received and transferred to and from over 20 partner shelters across Florida and the SE.	875,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>875,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance



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

To continue serving the greater Tampa Bay area effectively, SPCA Tampa Bay must undertake significant renovation of their shelter campus. This project will support a new, more efficient animal shelter with a modern chiller system to end housing animals outside in dangerous heat and weather, and create a safer working environment for staff and volunteers. Additionally, it will provide for the construction of an enclosed garage for safer, more efficient, and less stressful transfers of animals into and out of the care of SPCA Tampa Bay.

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

This shelter renovation will accomplish SPCA Tampa Bay's most urgent goal – to no longer shelter animals outside in a crumbling and outdated structure. Additionally, state funding would help fund the construction of a large, enclosed garage for safer, more efficient, and less stressful animal transfers into and out of SPCA Tampa Bay; particularly during extreme heat and dangerous weather. This project will bring all shelter operations under one roof, creating a safer, more efficient housing area for animals that also supports, staff, volunteers and customers.

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

A high-efficiency, modern chiller system will save lives by not having animals housed in outside heat and humidity, reduce harmful emissions and increase the longevity of the cooling system's components, while providing a 25% decrease in energy costs, and up to a 30% reduction in harmful emissions for 8,500+ animals annually. The facility will also provide a safer working environment for 70 staff and over 300 volunteers who provide the highest level of care to every animal that comes to SPCA Tampa Bay.

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

SPCA Tampa Bay is an open admission regional animal welfare organization, helping homeless pets, wildlife and farm animals. SPCA Tampa Bay serves over 8,500 animals annually and places more than 3,800 homeless pets into new homes each year, impacting thousands of families. Additionally, SPCA Tampa Bay partners with shelters and animal welfare organizations across the state to support families and animals in emergencies and natural disasters, providing housing for pets not permitted in emergency shelters. Additionally, they house the animals of first responders during natural disasters, so they do not have to worry about their own pets. A healthy animal welfare community makes a healthier community overall as households with pets report improved mental and physical health. This new construction will drastically improve customer experience, and the working environment for 70 staff and over 300 volunteers who provide the highest level of care to every animal that comes to SPCA Tampa Bay.

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

The immediate benefit upon completion will be a dramatically improved experience for every animal - from intake (surrender) to release - and for potential adopters looking for their new best friend. The shelter renovation will provide a safer working environment for the 70 staff and 300 volunteers caring for over 8,500 animals annually. The expansion will improve the customer experience and decrease the time pets are waiting to be adopted. More families adopting means more families contributing to the economy with their spending at pet supply stores, veterinarians, groomers, etc. With improved housing, we anticipate moving animals more quickly from Intake to Adoption, as the efficiency and benefits of improved housing will decrease the length of stay (which we will track), decreasing our overall per-animal expenses. Additionally, the new enclosed garage will increase safety for animals, staff, and partner organizations as well as decrease the time and cost of animal transfers.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?  No

**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)



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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)?**

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

**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



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- 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

d. Phone Number

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