



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2649

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project is to create a regional Animal Control Care Facility to serve Okaloosa County, addressing the current lack of a public, non-private animal control service. The facility will provide shelter, care, and rehabilitation for a range of animals, including domestic pets like dogs and cats, as well as larger animals such as equine. It will improve public safety by reducing stray animal populations and supporting responsible pet ownership through education and adoption programs.

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	700,000
Total State Funds Requested	700,000

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)	700,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,300,000	77%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,000,000	100%

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		

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance for the Animal Control Regional Care Facility will be funded through a mix of local government budget allocations and service fees (e.g., adoption, licensing), partnerships, and fundraising efforts.

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.

City of Crestview

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	Funds will be used for the construction of the Animal Control Regional Care Facility, including site preparation, building infrastructure, utilities, and specialized spaces for animals. This includes the installation of kennels, veterinary areas, and office spaces, along with necessary mechanical and electrical systems.	700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		700,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will be used to construct the Animal Control Regional Care Facility, which will provide a centralized, modern space for the care and management of animals. The goal is to improve animal welfare by offering shelter, veterinary care, and adoption services, while also addressing the region's growing need for a more efficient and sustainable animal control system.



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

The funds will be used to build the Animal Control Regional Care Facility, which will provide shelter, veterinary care, and adoption services for animals. The facility will also offer animal intake, temporary housing, and rehabilitation services, while addressing the region's need for a centralized, efficient system for animal control and welfare. Additionally, educational programs and community outreach initiatives will be offered to promote responsible pet ownership.

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

The direct services provided to citizens by the Animal Control Regional Care Facility will include access to animal adoption services, veterinary care, and lost pet recovery. The facility will also offer public education on responsible pet ownership, provide animal sheltering and care, and help reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals in the community. Additionally, the facility will support local law enforcement in addressing animal-related issues.

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

The target population served by the Animal Control Regional Care Facility includes residents of Crestview and all of Okaloosa County.

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

The Animal Control Regional Care Facility will improve animal welfare, reduce strain on local resources, and better manage stray, abandoned, and neglected animals across Okaloosa County. It will increase adoption rates, improve animal health through veterinary care, and enhance public education on responsible pet ownership. Outcomes will be measured by tracking adoption rates, animal health recovery, community engagement in educational programs, and reductions in the stray animal population. These metrics will help assess the facility's effectiveness in achieving its goals.

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?

The standard penalty for failure to meet deliverables is a monetary amount applied for each day that the project has extended past its state deadline.

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#:



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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
- 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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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