



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1747

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Nassau County's Animal Care and Control facility has reached the end of its useful life. In addition to structural deficiencies, the 35+ year old facility was not designed in a manner to meet the modern demands. As such, Nassau County has undertaken an initiative to create an Animal Resources Center & Campus to support the rapidly growing coastal community. Nassau County has allocated \$2,000,000 in Fiscal Year 22-23 for land acquisition, a needs assessment, a conceptual campus master plan, & preliminary site engineering. The needs assessment & concept plan are complete. The County is in discussion to purchase a property, & preliminary engineering is set to commence as part of the acquisition due diligence process. It is estimated that final engineering, architectural plans preparation, & permitting will cost approximately \$1,700,000. Nassau County is requesting the Legislature consider matching the local allocation of \$2,000,000 with an appropriation of \$1,700,000.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,700,000

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)	1,700,000	46%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	54%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,700,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- 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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Impact fees are currently collected in Nassau County which can serve to offset a portion of the total project cost. In addition, Nassau County is coordinating a capital campaign in partnership with local nonprofits and volunteers to raise funds for the new animal resource center. It is anticipated that a combination of private, local, and State funding will be needed to complete the project.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

Nassau County BOCC has received approximately \$23.9 million in CARES and ARPA funds. Nassau used the funds to provide support to small businesses, provide individual rent and foreclosure prevention assistance, acquire PPE, facilitate virtual public meetings, expand remote work capacities, and other similar eligible expenditures allowed by the US Treasury.

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.

Nassau County Board of Commissioners.

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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	It is estimated that final engineering, architectural plans preparation, and permitting will cost approximately \$1,700,000. The requested allocation will allow for the County have the project shovel ready. The request of \$1,700,000 represents a 46% cost share/"match" with the State. The Legislature will be leveraging \$1.17 for every \$1.	1,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,700,000

14. Program Performance

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

Completion of final engineering, architectural plans preparation, and permitting will costs for a new Animal Resources Center and Campus. The allocation of the requested funds, when coupled with the County's local commitment of \$2,000,000 will allow the County to get the project 'shovel ready'. As a shovel ready project, the County will be more successful in leveraging other private and public funding sources available for animal resources centers.

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

The allocation, when coupled with the \$2,000,000 being allocated by the County, will fund allow the project to be 'shovel ready'. The specific purpose is to fund final engineering, architectural plans preparation, and permitting.

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

Proper animal resources and services
Improved adoption and animal rescue capacities
Low cost animal health services
Increased response capacities
Improved public safety

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

Not only will all 94,000 current residents of Nassau County benefit from this project, so will the approximately 60,000 people projected to move to Nassau County over the next 30 years. The animal resource center and campus will serve all 746 square miles of Nassau County. In addition, an untold number of dogs, cats, horses, bunnies and other animals will be properly cared for.

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

This project will ultimately result in a new Animal Resources Center and Campus, increasing the number of animal we are able to house, increasing adoptions, and increasing public safety.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number