



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2429

1. Project Title Miami-Dade County K-9 Behavioral Enrichment & Training to Enhance Rehoming (K-9 BETTER)

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 02/21/2023

4. Project/Program Description

As the community requests more lifesaving programs for shelter pets, last year a pilot program for 5 shelter dogs was developed and proved that training resources are critical to ensuring dogs with behavioral or temperamental characteristics are afforded the opportunity to be re-homed while greatly reducing shelter euthanasia. All 5 dogs were either taken by rescue and/or adopted by a family. This program increases the likelihood of adoption and improves the quality of life for dogs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	20,000	12%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	170,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23		100,000	2281	Yes

9. Is future 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.

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

Yes



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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	Transportation of shelter dogs to training facilities in/out of county or state, fuel expense, related staff travel expenses, and marketing.	14,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Boarding and training for dogs with behavioral or temperamental characteristics, once graduated, promote these dogs for rescue organizations or adoption.	136,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To create a program where monthly approximately 5 shelter dogs with behavioral or temperamental characteristics will be sent to training facilities to increase their opportunities to be adopted. Implementing this program will save more lives and reduce shelter euthanasia.

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

Decreasing the daily shelter population, owner surrendering their pets, and citizens returning adopted pets. This will improve human and animal bond as it relates to health.

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

If implemented, this program will secure more adoptable shelter dogs and reduce the chances of incidents and increase efforts in conserving public safety.

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 from living in a more humane and conscientious environment by reducing the euthanasia of dogs with behavioral or temperamental characteristics.

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 dog euthanasia rate and increase in adoptions while also reducing the length of stay of these dogs at the shelter by making them more adoptable. The outcome will be measured by comparing the percentage of dog 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



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☐ 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