



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2426

1. Project Title K-9 Behavioral Enrichment & Training To Enhance Rehoming - K-9 BETTER - Miami-Dade

2. Senate Sponsor Ileana Garcia

3. Date of Request 01/12/2022

4. Project/Program Description

A behavioral modification and training program will reduce the number of shelter dogs euthanized due to behavioral issues. Dogs in a shelter setting often require additional resources to make them adoption ready, especially those that have suffered from abuse or neglect. Training resources are critical to ensuring behaviorally challenged dogs are afforded the opportunity to be re-homed while greatly reducing unnecessary shelter euthanasia. Implementing this program will save more lives, align with Miami-Dade County's Save Charlie Act, protect staff, and increase the "No Kill" save rate.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	150,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	55%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	550,000	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? 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.

\$2,573,254,804.94 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, and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities. A number of these are reimbursements and have not yet been received and others are not yet fully distributed.

11. 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	Enrichment and training supplies; safety equipment	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Boarding and training services for aggressive dogs	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovate field into play yard for large dog training and enrichment	150,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

The euthanasia rate of behaviorally challenged dogs will decrease as a result of this program being funded.

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

Shelter dogs with behavioral concerns will be provided with training and behavior modification to increase their adoptability and ensure long-term success in their adoptive homes.

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

Direct services provided to citizens include safety net and pet retention programs intended to preserve the human-animal bond by offering behavioral modification and training for pets belonging to citizens at risk of relinquishing their pets to a shelter due to behavioral concerns.

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 will enjoy the social benefit of living in a more humane and conscientious environment where the unnecessary euthanasia of shelter dogs has been eliminated.

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 is the reduction of unnecessary canine euthanasia in a shelter setting. The outcome will be measured by comparing the percentage of canine shelter intake euthanized for behavioral issues 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?



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Pay back a fair and proportionate share of funds.

- 13. 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.**

Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number