



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2616

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Help Team project is to assist those pet owners who are underserved within Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, and Okaloosa County with any of their pet needs. One's salary should not dictate animal companionship. This project fills the gap where grants and other programs lack. This emergent need fund would be the first of its kind within the county and the surrounding counties and this would eliminate some of those in the community having to choose between feeding their families or assisting their pets.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	60,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	60,000

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)	60,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	30,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	90,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.

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



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

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	Medical supplies, medications, pet food, pet deposits, and pet rents.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Veterinarian medical services, contracted boarding facilities for the pets of domestic violence victims and people who are homeless in transition	30,000
Operational Costs: Other		
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		60,000

12. Program Performance

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

The specific purposes of these funds are to bridge the gap between services already available and the assistance needed within the three counties and to provide the underserved community members asking for assistance with emergent medical pet assistance, pet food assistance, medical pet assistance, re-homing assistance, feral cat assistance, pet deposit/rent assistance, and boarding assistance for pet owners transitioning out of homelessness and escaping domestic violence.

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

Underserved community members residing within Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa counties who ask for assistance will be provided the following assistance: emergent medical pet assistance, general medical pet assistance, pet food assistance, re-homing assistance, feral cat assistance, re-homing assistance, pet deposit/rent assistance, and boarding assistance to assist pet owners who are transitioning into housing or escaping domestic violence.

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

Medical assistance to pets, food assistance, re-homing assistance, pet deposit/rent assistance, and assistance for pet owners who are transitioning to housing/domestic violence shelter.

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

Targeting population are jobless persons, homeless persons, general lower income and underserved community members including those victims of domestic violence. This funding would exceed in assisting well over 1,000 individuals truly struggling.

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



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Improves mental health: Pets, especially dogs and cats, can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, ease loneliness, encourage exercise and playfulness, and even improve cardiovascular health. Caring for an animal can help children grow up more secure and active. Pets also provide valuable companionship for older adults. Measuring this benefit: The Help Team will poll across those assisted through this assistance program in relation to mental health of life with pets. Breakdown barriers of underserved community pet owners: Percentage of success for those retaining their animals who receive program assistance. Measuring this benefit: All community members are serviced and categorized by need.

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?

Failure to meet performance measures will result in action taken from the supervising agency based on internal agency policy

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.

N/A



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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