



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1283

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

4. Project/Program Description

The project involves demolishing the antiquated Brevard County animal shelter and constructing a new, state-of-the-art facility to address current and future animal care and welfare needs. The existing shelter is outdated, lacks sufficient space, is an open air design and does not meet modern animal care capabilities. The new facility will be a climate-controlled, sound-dampening environment built for current and future needs, immediately adjacent to the recently constructed and opened Animal Surgery Center.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	56%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,000,000	44%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	9,000,000	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.
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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/30/2027

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

Operating budget of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, similar to current funding source for ongoing capital, operating, and repair & maintenance expenses.

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.

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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	Demolition of the existing 50 year old animal shelter and construction of a new 30,000 square foot Animal Care Center. Funds will be used entirely for the design, engineering, and construction of this new facility.	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The primary goal of the new Animal Care Center is to provide a safe, temporary refuge for lost, abandoned, and mistreated animals while actively working to reunite them with their owners or find them permanent, loving homes. This mission extends beyond mere housing. Core objectives include animal medical care, welfare, relieving overcrowded accommodations, public safety and health, reunification and homing services, facilitating adoptions and rescues, enforcing animal control laws, and educating the public.

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



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Funds will provide for construction of a modern Animal Care Center that offers significant improvements in animal welfare, operational efficiencies, staff morale, and community engagement. The facility will deliver a modern infrastructure (zoned HVAC and LED lighting), improved safety, better housing of animals, reduced animal stress, expanded programs, and a welcoming environment to the public.

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

This new Animal Care Center will provide citizens with services focusing on animal control and public safety, animal welfare and care, and community outreach and education programs. These services include stray animal management, lost & found support, animal cruelty response, shelter and veterinarian care, spay & neuter education, adoption and foster programs, and volunteer opportunities.

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

This new Animal Care Center will serve all residents of Brevard County and their animals in need.

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

The expected benefits and outcomes of constructing a new, modern Animal Care Center in Brevard County are centered on significantly improving animal welfare, increasing operational efficiencies, and enhancing community engagement. The key benefits of this facility will be improved animal health and well-being, streamlined operational efficiencies, stronger community involvement and volunteerism, and expanded services and educational opportunities. The best measure of success will be the success rate of adoptions and an increase of employee morale and volunteers.

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?

Program and contract penalties for lack of performance are sufficient

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#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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