



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1569

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project is the construction of a new animal shelter which will provide an adequate facility and critically needed resources to provide for the hundreds of animals Taylor County shelters annually. The County is the sole provider of animal control. The shelter is located in a structure constructed in 1957 which does not have adequate climate control, ventilation, and natural light. There have been on going drainage issues as the building was not originally constructed for use as an animal shelter. A study completed by the University of Florida has provided the County insight on shelter needs and facility requirements.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	750,000	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

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?

05/01/2027

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2027

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

Taylor County owns, operates, and maintains the Shelter.

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.

Taylor County will own, operate, and maintain the Animal Shelter.

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	All funding will be used for the construction of Taylor County Animal Shelter. The facility will be constructed on land the County owns. Taylor County will provide project management services.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose is the construction of a new animal shelter that will provide a safe and healthy environment with adequate climate control, drainage, ventilation, and natural light. The shelter will have adequate sizes of kennels and separate dog and cat areas. The facility will have exercise areas as well as a meet and greet area which will aid in adoptions. A study conducted by the University of Florida Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program has outlined the County's sheltering needs and will be used to assist the County in the planning of the new shelter.



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

The new facility will provide adequate facilities to care for both dogs and cats who are in the custody of Taylor County Animal Control. The shelter will be constructed to meet needs in a safe and healthy environment for both the animals and humans who provide for the care and services needed to place the animals in homes. Numbers have continued to rise of animals who are in the care of Animal Control and it is hoped the new facility will increase adoptions and assistance from transfer organizations, rescues, and volunteers.

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

Taylor County is the sole provider of animal control in the County. Direct services will be a facility which will provide adequate animal services and care in the hopes of increasing adoptions and rescue services from other agencies better equipped to place animals in homes and better situations with a decrease in euthanasia. The new building will also provide for a facility that is adequately equipped to serve as an animal shelter. The current facility was constructed in 1957 and is quite antiquated and was not constructed to serve as a shelter.

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

All citizens in Taylor County (21,582) will be served by the animal shelter as well as animal rescue groups and volunteers who assist the County with adoptions and/or fostering, medical care, and donations. Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is the sole provider of animal control and the humane investigation thereof in the County.

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

The facility will provide adequate climate control, ventilation, natural light, and storage areas for supplies and food. There will be separate areas to efficiently accommodate dogs and cats with kennels with adequate space to accommodate various sizes of animals including mothers with their puppies or kittens. The new facility will provide sufficient areas for outdoor exercise. In addition, the new facility will have a meet and greet area which is essential for potential adopters to meet animals in need of homes in a friendly and safe environment.

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?

Due to the need of the Shelter, Taylor County will move forward with the construction of the new shelter when funding is secured. The project will be complete within funding contract timelines and all deliverables will be met.

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



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

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

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



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f. Phone Number

Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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