



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1943

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

4. Project/Program Description

A healthy, efficient open-admission animal shelter increases public safety and supports the well-being of its community members. SPCA Tampa Bay received state support in 2023-2024 to fund the permitting costs and architect and civil engineering expenses associated with the schematic design and design-development phases of its animal shelter campus renovation project. State funding this year would help to build a \$1.9 million modern chiller system planned for Phase 1 of SPCA Tampa Bay's campus rebuild to cool the 34,470 square feet that Phase 1 will bring under one roof, creating a safe, efficient, climate-controlled housing area for animals that also supports staff, volunteers and customers. This first phase will accomplish SPCA Tampa Bay's most urgent goal – to no longer shelter animals outside, exposed to heat and humidity, in a crumbling and outdated structure.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	5%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	750,000	6%
Local	3,891,360	30%
Other	7,608,640	59%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	13,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	750,000	2341A	No

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.

State support would constitute approximately 5.8% of the total cost of the Phase 1 rebuild with over \$4.6 million raised to date from local and private donors for the SPCA Tampa Bay campus renovations.



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

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

SPCA Tampa Bay received \$734,400 in federal PPP funding in 2021 to maintain staff and benefits during the COVID-19 emergency.

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
 N/A

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.

SPCA Tampa Bay owns the facility and would receive the funding directly.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Costs associated with building a \$1.9 million modern chiller system planned for Phase 1 of SPCA Tampa Bay's campus rebuild to cool the 34,470 square feet that Phase 1 will bring under one roof.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Animal shelters serve a vital community function, providing health care and education to pet owners and the public to decrease the number of unhealthy animals in our communities. A healthy, efficient open-admission animal shelter increases public safety and supports the well-being of its community members.

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

State funding would help to build a \$1.9 million modern chiller system planned for Phase 1 of SPCA Tampa Bay's campus rebuild to cool the 34,470 square feet that Phase 1 will bring under one roof, creating a safe, efficient, climate-controlled housing area for animals that also supports staff, volunteers and customers This first phase will accomplish SPCA Tampa Bay's most urgent goal – to no longer shelter animals outside in a crumbling and outdated structure.

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

A high-efficiency, modern chiller system will save lives and money, reduce harmful emissions and increase the longevity of the cooling system's components, providing 25% in annual savings in electricity and up to a 30% reduction in harmful emissions for 8,500+ animals, 100 staff and over 200 volunteers who provide the highest level of care to every animal that comes to SPCA Tampa Bay.

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

Adopting over 4,000 homeless pets into new homes each year impacts thousands of our community members; households with pets report improved health, mental and physical. A healthy animal welfare community makes a healthier community overall. Including wildlife and farm animals, the SPCA Tampa Bay will see over 8,500 animals per year. This new construction will drastically improve customer experience, and the working environment for 100 staff and over 200 volunteers who provide the highest level of care to every animal that comes to SPCA Tampa Bay.

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

The immediate benefit upon completion will be a dramatically improved experience for every animal - from intake to release - and for potential adopters visiting the campus looking for their new best friend. The Phase 1 expansion improve customer experience which we anticipate will decrease the time pets are waiting to be adopted. More families adopting means more families contributing to the economy with their spending at pet supply stores, veterinarians, groomers, etc. With improved housing, we anticipate moving animals more quickly from Intake to Adoption, as the efficiency and health benefits of improved housing will decrease the length of stay, decreasing our overall per-animal expenses.

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?

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

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



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- 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**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**