



Request for ARPA Funds

March 13, 2023



Eligibility

- An allowable use of ARPA funds is for "government services". This category is extremely discretionary and allows for funds to be used for any service traditionally provided by a government to address public health and negative economic impacts.
- The Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center provides essential help to homeless, unwanted, and abused animals, and requires government funding to assist with the operation of the shelter, provide veterinary care to the shelter animals as well as to provide veterinary services to the public, who have been negatively impacted due to Covid-19.
- Other jurisdictions have approved similar programs under the public sector category including:
 - Spartanburg County, SC - build new animal shelter
 - Scranton, PA - general operations of the shelter
 - Great Falls, MT - build a 'cattery'
 - Vigo County, IN - built an addition to their shelter

Project #1

Request \$100,000
for repairs and upgrades to
the FPAAC





Project #1 – HISTORY & JUSTIFICATION

On October 1, 2022, the City assumed operations of the shelter.

At take over, the City was required to fully furnish and equip the shelter to ensure the operation of the facility and the care of the animals continued uninterrupted. This included medical supplies, office supplies, furniture, computers, phones, etc.

This takeover also required, and still requires, numerous repairs and alterations to the structures and grounds to address both the health and safety of the animals, the staff and all who visit the facility.

These repairs, replacements, and alterations to the shelter facility – both past and future – are an essential government service in that it provides humane care of our stray or impounded animals.



Funding Request Details

Request funding of \$100,000 to help cover the costs associated with the repair, replacement and alterations of the shelter facility including, but not limited to:

- Equipment replacement and upgrade to city specifications: telephones, computers, security systems, etc.
- Furniture replacement: desks, chairs, tables, etc.
- Structure repairs and improvements: replacing doors, installing new windows, repairing leaking AC, repairing damaged ceilings, replacing light fixtures, installing new signs, repairing dog kennels, painting, etc.
- Site improvements and repairs: electronic gate repairs, fence repairs, parking lot drainage issues, etc.

Project # 2

Request \$200,000
to create an on-site, low-
cost veterinary clinic





Project #2 – HISTORY & JUSTIFICATION

FPAAC ACCESS & NEEDS

- The shelter does not currently have access to direct veterinary care.
- All animals must be transported to local veterinary offices to have all their medical needs (intake vaccinations, sterilization surgeries, general welfare issues such as skin rashes) addressed.
- This causes additional stress to the animals, who are already in a stressful condition, that can negatively affect their well-being, is not cost effective and fails to provide consistency of care to the animals.



Project #2 – HISTORY & JUSTIFICATION *PUBLIC ACCESS & NEEDS*

- For many years, the HS of SLC provided one of the few veterinary options for people with limited income to afford the necessary care for their pets. Several years ago, these services were relocated to their location in Port St. Lucie.
- Since then, residents' access to affordable pet care continued to diminish, requiring long waits for the few remaining options within our city or long drives to Vero Beach or Port St. Lucie.
- This access took an even harder hit due to Covid-19 when many veterinarian offices closed completely or severely limited access.
- There is currently only one low-cost clinic serving the City of Fort Pierce.

Funding Request Details

Request funding of \$200,000 to cover the costs associated with the remodel and installation of a surgery center/veterinary clinic at the FPAAC:

- Providing an affordable option to our City residents and providing the necessary medical care to our shelter animals are essential government services.
- It will help those that were negatively impacted from Covid 19 - through both loss of income and loss of access to the necessary veterinary care required to ensure the wellbeing of their pets.
- It will provide direct, cost effective and consistent care to the shelter animals.



Questions?

