

LAURENS COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX (“CPST”)
COMMISSION PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Only statutorily qualified entities may request funding through the CPST. Qualified entities include county and municipal governments, special purpose districts, and, in conjunction with another qualified entity, school districts.

Entities requesting CPST funding bear the responsibility of providing reliable cost estimates and other critical information concerning their project proposals. This Project Proposal Submission Form, completed to include all requested information, must accompany each project proposal submission to the CPST Commission. Additionally, the sponsoring qualified entity must submit a letter confirming that it will: 1) own the project during the life of the CPST; 2) fund any cost overruns beyond balloted amounts, identifying specifically the source of this funding; and 3) fund ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the project after its completion, describing the entity’s capacity to absorb such costs.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

Project proposal submissions must respond to all matters addressed in the sections and subsections below.

1. Project Description

- (a) This project is intended to upgrade the current Laurens County Animal Shelter in order to provide humane care for the animals of Laurens County. The current shelter is in poor physical condition and does not meet the minimum standards of humane care according to industry standards outline by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV Guidelines).

This upgrade would also create the needed spaces that do not currently exist at the shelter. While the current facility functions, it does not provide the structure we need or the level of care that we must provide to become compliant with the guidelines.

With this upgrade we can bring our facilities to the needed standard while also creating an aesthetically pleasing shelter environment that will serve our entire county.

- (b) South Carolina 4-10-330(A)(1)(b-c) courthouses, administration buildings, civic centers, hospitals, emergency medical facilities, police stations, fire stations, jails, correctional facilities, detention facilities, libraries, coliseums, educational facilities under the direction of an area commission for technical education, or any combination of these projects;
- (c) cultural, recreational, or historic facilities, or any combination of these facilities;

2. Site Acquisition and Preparation Budgeting

(a) Provide plats and/or tax maps of all property involved. Include a preliminary engineered drawing indicating the proposed locations of all structures associated with the project, including buildings, interior roadways, turning lanes, parking lots, utilities, etc.

- (b) Laurens County owns the property and existing building. There will be no need for purchase of any additional property for this project.
- (c) The current access points are suitable for this project and no additional permitting for DOT will be necessary.
- (d) Current utilities supplied are sufficient. There are no new connections required by any provider.
- (e) Interior demolition of the existing chain link kennels will be contracted out at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00.
- (f) No phase one environmental studies are needed. This is an existing facility with proper drainage and septic already in place.
- (g) This land is already in use for the same purpose and no additional zoning or other planning is necessary.
- (h) At peak usage 6 employees and 5-8 members of the public under current usage.

- (i) The current property is more than large enough for this project and for further expansion in the future.

3. Construction Planning and Budgeting

- (a) On Building number 1 aka “the old kennels” there are currently 28 chain link runs with no solid barrier in between to prevent spread of waste, disease or fighting.

This project would remove those chain link kennels and install new modern kennels by Shor-Line that have solid barriers in between, secure gated doors and transfer side panels that allow our staff to transfer a dog from one kennel to the other without having to handle the animal if it is aggressive or has a communicable disease.

These kennels would allow us to clean without spreading waste or disease from one run to the other.

The current flooring is bare concrete with no sealant which allows for bacteria growth and moisture to be retained. The upgrade would allow for a new epoxy finish to be applied that is antimicrobial, slip resistant and will aid in sound abatement.

Sound abatement material will also be installed on the walls and ceiling. Currently at any given time the sound from dogs barking is at over 100 decibels which is not only inhumane for the dogs but is not safe for our employees which now requires them to wear hearing protection at all times. Sound abatement will allow for a more pleasant experience for the dogs, staff and visiting public.

Last but not least, in the “new building” or building 3 at the shelter, we would install sound abatement materials.

In both Building 1 and Building 3, there is no air conditioning. It is not uncommon in SC for the summer heat to reach nearly or over 100 degrees for weeks on end. With little air moving in those kennels it is unhealthy for the dogs and our staff. This project will install much needed Air Conditioning for both buildings.

Once remodeled, Building 1 will go from 28 Runs to 40 Runs. This will then allow us to use Building 3 for isolation and sick dog area for which we currently have no space.

The current facility has no hot water for washing dishes or bathing animals. This project will install water heater and plumbing to the grooming tub which will also be utilized to wash and sanitized food bowls and water buckets.

Finally, we will install new signs both at the intersection of Torrington Road and Mt. Vernon Church Rd. directing people to the shelter and a large sign at the front of the shelter that will distinguish us from other county facilities located on the property all while making the public feel more welcome.

- (b) There is no cost for engineering or design management for this project.
- (c) The current utilities and connections are sufficient. We estimate Air Conditioning to cost \$30,000.00.
- (d) A grooming tub, water heater and new plumbing installation will cost an estimated \$7,500.
- (e) Design work is already complete. Once the funds are released it takes and estimated 20-24 weeks for delivery of the new kennels. Demolition of the old kennels cannot take place until the kennels arrive as we need the current space. We will have flooring installation immediately after demolition. The installers will move in immediately after the flooring is cured. Air Conditioning could commence once the bid procurement process is completed and would not need to wait for kennel installation. Completion would be within 8 months.

4. Project Cost Summary

Site Acquisition	\$0.00
Clearing/Grading/Drainage Site Preparation	\$ 0.00
Paving (include parking, turn lanes)	\$0.00
Construction/Renovation	\$242,500.00
Engineering/Design/Construction Management	\$ 0.00
Testing/Geotechnical	\$ 0.00
Phase One Environmental Testing	\$ 0.00
Environmental-related Development Costs	\$ 0.00

Permits	\$ 0.00
Landscaping	\$0.00
Fencing	\$ 0.00
Exterior Lighting	\$ 0.00
Fiber/Connectivity	\$ 0.00
Security Systems	\$ 0.00
Furnishings/Equipment/Computers	\$ 7,500.00
Other (please describe by attachment)	\$ 30,000.00
Sound Abatement	\$10,000.00
Signage	\$20,000.00
Total	\$ 280,000.00

5. Statement of Project Submission and Support

- 1. The County will own the project during the life of the CPST**
- 2. There will be no overages, we will reduce the scope to match the budget.**
- 3. The county government will fund ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the project after its completion through our current budget which is sufficient to do so.**

6. PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED 03/27/2020