

GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

AND

Kind Keeper

This Agreement by and between the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) and Kind Keeper (Recipient) existing under the laws of South Carolina, is to provide for the distribution of funds \$300,000 (the Funds) appropriated in 2024 Act 226, Part IB, Section 118.20 (88)(f).

The parties agree as follows:

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of the agreement is to provide funding to the Recipient, in support of Kind Keeper Building Fund. This agreement furthers SCDES's statutory mission as authorized in South Carolina Code Section 118.20 (88)(f) and serves the public purpose of rescuing homeless animals.

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Recipient shall utilize the funds for the activities and services outlined and approved in supporting documents and the attached Exhibit 1 as completed with supporting documents, which will be incorporated into the Agreement upon acceptance under Paragraph D.

C. TERM:

This Agreement shall be effective upon signature, calendar year 2024 and shall terminate on June 30, 2025. Recipient's obligations under this Agreement shall survive termination.

D. PAYMENT:

1. Recipient shall submit a written request for payment not to exceed \$300,000 and shall include with the request the information on the attached Exhibit I, including the following as required by Proviso 118.20 and SCDES:

a. An accounting of how the Funds will be spent (Planned Expenditure Summary)

- b. Goals to be accomplished, and
  - c. Proposed measures to evaluate success in implementing and meeting goals.
2. Upon acceptance by SCDES, the request for payment will be incorporated into and made part of this Agreement.
  3. Recipient must register with SCEIS as a vendor and provide vendor information on the request for payment.
  4. Payment is contingent on SCDES receipt of Funds.
  5. Upon receipt and review and approval of the Planned Expenditure Summary, Funds Budget, and financial statements, SCDES will transmit the funds to Recipient by check delivered to:

Belinda Mairowicz, CEO/Founder  
1500 LD Drive  
North Myrtle Beach, SC, 29582  
(843) 427-4388  
kindkeeper@yahoo.com

6. Source of Funds: State funds made available in the FY2025 Appropriations Act from 118.20 as a one-time distribution per legislative direction, effective July 1, 2024. SCDES's Point of Contact for financial information regarding payments made under this Agreement:

Chris Wimberly  
Finance & Operations  
SCDES  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina, 29201

E. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. By June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Recipient shall submit to SCDES a report containing a detailed accounting of its use of the Funds, the services completed, and the outcome measures used to determine the success of the stated goals in sufficient detail for SCDES to determine Recipient's compliance with the Scope of Services set forth in Paragraph B above. See Exhibit II (Quarterly Expenditure Report) and expected completion date by which it anticipates all funds will be spent. Recipient shall also submit a final report with this information if the project is not completed or the Funds have not been spent by June 30, 2025, Recipient shall include in its report an explanation why the Funds have not been spent or the project is not complete and an expected completion date by which it anticipates all funds will have been spent. Recipient shall also submit a final report with this information within 90 days after project completion or exhaustion of Funds.

2. Recipient shall submit to SCDES by June 30, 2025, a detailed statement explaining the nature and function of its organization as well as a detailed statement explaining the use that was made of the funds using the attached template(s).

3. Recipient will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited to funds.

F. PREVENTING AND REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE:

- a. SCDES has procedures and policies concerning the prevention and reporting of fraud, waste and abuse (FWA) in agency-funded programs, including but not limited to those funded by federal grants. No agency employee, agent, or Recipient shall direct, participate in, approve, or tolerate any violation of federal or State laws regarding FWA in government programs.
- b. Federal law prohibits any person or company from knowingly submitting false or fraudulent claims or statements to a federally funded program, including false claims for payment or conspiracy to get such a claim approved or paid. The False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729-3733, and other “whistleblower” statutes include remedies for employees who are retaliated against in their employment for reporting violations of the Act or for reporting fraud, waste, abuse, or violations of law in connection with federal grant agreements or grants, or danger to public health or safety. Under State law, persons may be criminally prosecuted for false claims made for insurance fraud, or for using a computer in a fraud scheme or to obtain money or services by false representations.
- c. If Recipient or Recipient’s agents or employees have reason to suspect FWA in SCDES programs, this information should be reported in confidence to SCDES. A report may be made by writing to the Office of Internal Audits, SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; or by calling the SCDES Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline at 803-898-7533 accessing the OIA Intranet Website, or sending an email to [fraud.hotline@des.sc.gov](mailto:fraud.hotline@des.sc.gov). Recipient is required to inform Recipient’s employees of the existence of SCDES’s policy prohibiting FWA and the procedures for reporting FWA to the agency. Recipient must also inform recipient’s employees, in writing, of their rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. §4712 concerning reporting FWA or violations of law in connection with federal contracts or grants, or danger to public health or safety, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

G. USE OF FUNDS; AUDITS:

Recipient will not use, expend, or allow use or expenditure of the Funds for any purpose not authorized in and consistent with this Agreement. Unexpended funds distributed pursuant to this Agreement may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes. Recipient shall continue the reporting and monitoring required under this Agreement until all Funds are spent.

H. RETURN OF FUNDS: The State of South Carolina reserves the right to all remedies available to it under law for the enforcement of this Agreement including but not limited to the right to demand repayment of any Funds that remain unused at completion of the project or that were used for purposes not authorized in this Agreement.

I. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in relation to activities carried out under this Contract on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by law. This includes the provision of language assistance services to individuals of limited English proficiency eligible for services provided by SCDES.

Recipients that administer or provide SCDES programs, activities, and services are required to adopt policies and procedures that ensure individuals with disabilities are provided with an equal opportunity to participate and equally effective communication when accessing any SCDES funded programs, activities, and services.

- J. COMPLIANCE REPORTS: Recipient must provide quarterly compliance reports within fifteen days after the end of each quarter outlining the status of the project, compliance with the scope of services, and documentation of expenditures to the proper program area of SCDES. Recipient is subject to site visits from SCDES to monitor compliance.
- K. RECORDKEEPING: Recipient shall create and maintain adequate records to document all matters covered by this Agreement. Recipient shall retain all such records for three (3) years or other longer period required by law after termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement or after final expenditure of Funds, whichever is later, and make records available for inspection, copying, and audit by SCDES or other authorized agent of the State. If any litigation, claim, or audit has begun but is not completed or if audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the Funds have been resolved.
- L. REVISIONS OF LAW: The provisions of the Agreement are subject to revision of state or federal statutes and regulations and requirements governing.
- M. PUBLIC INFORMATION: All information relating to distribution and use of the Funds, including all reports and documentation submitted to SCDES under this Agreement, is subject to public disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and may be published on SCDES's internet web site.
- N. ATTACHMENTS: Attachments to this Agreement are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement.

The parties to this Grant Agreement hereby agree to any and all provisions of the Grant Agreement as stated above.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

BY: Chris Wimberly  
Chris Wimberly  
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: 12/3/24

MAILING ADDRESS:  
SCDES - Finance & Operations  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: 803-898-1230

RECIPIENT NAME

BY: Belinda Mairowicz  
Belinda Mairowicz  
CEO/Founder

DATE: 12/9/24

MAILING ADDRESS:  
1500 LD Drive  
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
Phone: (843) 427-4388  
Email: kindkeeper@yahoo.com

REMITTANCE ADDRESS: (if applicable)

TAX/EMPLOYER ID # 46-3055917

TYPE OF ENTITY (check one):

- Corporation
- LLC
- Partnership
- Nonprofit organization
- Government agency or political subdivision - specify State if not SC:  
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Other Governmental body (specify)  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Individual/sole proprietor
- Other (specify)  
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If a corporation or LLC:  
State of incorporation/organization:  
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Registered agent and address in South Carolina:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SCDLLR or other license #  
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THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT OFFICIAL AND BINDING UNTIL SIGNED BY THE SCDES CONTRACTS  
MANAGER.

*Francine Miller*

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Francine Miller  
SCDES Contracts Manager

DATE: 12/10/2024

**Exhibit 1: Information Required for State Funding**

**Name of Organization:** Kind Keeper, INC (Kind Keeper Animal Rescue)

**Mailing Address of Organization:** 1500 L.D. Drive N. Myrtle Beach, SC  
29582

**Phone:** 843-427-4388

**Email:** kindkeeper@yahoo.com

**Remittance Address:** (if applicable)

**Tax/Employer ID#:** 46-3055917

**SCEIS Vendor ID#:** 7000343942

**Type of Entity:** Animal Welfare

**Registered agent and address in South Carolina:**

Belinda Mairowicz

1500 L.D. Drive

N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

**Provide an accounting of how the state funds will be spent:** KindKeeper is building a new shelter soon. Funds will be used for kennel plumbing and drains, concrete, framing materials and roofing.

**What goals will be accomplished?** Public benefits include reducing the number of homeless pets in our community and providing a cleaner, safer environment for the care of animals in our custody.

**Proposed measures to evaluate success in implementing and meeting the goals:**

- Initial construction of flooring, framing and roof of new shelter will be completed

**How will the proposed funds benefit the taxpayers of South Carolina?** The new shelter will triple our kennel space and potentially allow us to help up to 2,000 animals per year.

**Provide a copy of the adopted budget for the current fiscal year.**

See Profit and loss 12/9/24 for budget

**Provide a copy of the organization's most recent operating financial statement.**

See Attached Balance sheet 12/9/24

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Accrual Basis

**Kind Keeper, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through December 9, 2024

|                                               | <u>Jan 1 - Dec 9, 24</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>                |                          |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                          |
| Adoption Fees                                 | 196,281.07               |
| Bank Interest                                 | 189.28                   |
| Direct Public Support                         |                          |
| Individ, Business Contributions               | 348,280.37               |
| <b>Total Direct Public Support</b>            | 348,280.37               |
| Donation - Land & Building                    | 23,635.16                |
| Donations                                     |                          |
| Donation Volunteer Paid Vet                   | 6,076.71                 |
| <b>Total Donations</b>                        | 6,076.71                 |
| Donations Corp & Foundations                  |                          |
| Grants                                        | 15,873.92                |
| Donations Corp & Foundations - Other          | 20,000.00                |
| <b>Total Donations Corp &amp; Foundations</b> | 35,873.92                |
| Fundraising                                   |                          |
| Golf Event                                    | 7,920.55                 |
| Tinsel and Tails                              | 420.00                   |
| Fundraising - Other                           | 29,205.82                |
| <b>Total Fundraising</b>                      | 37,546.37                |
| Other Types of Income                         | 326.72                   |
| Program Income                                |                          |
| Program Service Fees                          | 536.83                   |
| <b>Total Program Income</b>                   | 536.83                   |
| Refund on supplies                            | 127.47                   |
| Retail                                        | 198.47                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                           | 649,072.37               |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                           | 649,072.37               |
| <b>Expense</b>                                |                          |
| Animal Supplies                               | 2,823.35                 |
| Bank Fees                                     | 84.00                    |
| Bank Fees                                     |                          |
| Paypal Transfer Fees                          | 2,413.71                 |
| Bank Fees - Other                             | 460.11                   |
| <b>Total Bank Fees</b>                        | 2,873.82                 |
| Building Repair and Maintenance               | 1,738.78                 |
| Computer Programs                             | 2,846.13                 |
| Contract Services                             |                          |
| Outside Contract Services                     | 3,099.68                 |
| <b>Total Contract Services</b>                | 3,099.68                 |
| Corporate Forms/Documents                     | 360.00                   |
| Employee Appreciation                         | 1,138.58                 |
| Employment Fees                               | 253.81                   |
| Entertainment                                 | 715.90                   |
| Events                                        |                          |
| Golf Tournament                               | 121.50                   |
| Misc                                          | 497.67                   |
| Tinsel&Tails                                  | 35.00                    |
| Events - Other                                | 2,891.76                 |
| <b>Total Events</b>                           | 3,545.93                 |



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**Kind Keeper, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 1 through December 9, 2024

|                                       | Jan 1 - Dec 9, 24 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Facilities and Equipment</b>       |                   |
| 2587 Water Tower Facility             | 32,100.00         |
| Equip Rental and Maintenance          | 72.02             |
| Equipment                             | 631.97            |
| Rent                                  | 10,700.00         |
| Facilities and Equipment - Other      | 154.12            |
| <b>Total Facilities and Equipment</b> | 43,658.11         |
| <b>Gas</b>                            | 1,602.42          |
| <b>Insurance</b>                      |                   |
| Insurance - Liability, D and O        | 2,209.61          |
| Van Insurance                         | 3,092.31          |
| Workers' Compensation Insurance       | 3,659.00          |
| <b>Total Insurance</b>                | 8,960.92          |
| <b>Medical Cost for Animals</b>       | 16,869.73         |
| <b>Medical Costs Spay Neuter Etc</b>  | 27,446.27         |
| <b>Medicine</b>                       | 77,008.07         |
| <b>Membership Fees</b>                | 18.98             |
| <b>New vehicle</b>                    | 72,299.70         |
| <b>Office Supplies</b>                | 3,678.52          |
| <b>Operations</b>                     |                   |
| Electric                              | 4,007.49          |
| Garbage                               | 1,889.20          |
| Internet/Land Line Phone              | 5,934.05          |
| Postage, Mailing Service              | 473.90            |
| Printing and Copying                  | 2,770.65          |
| Supplies                              | 7,556.60          |
| Telephone/Cell                        | 537.19            |
| Utilities                             | 4,258.04          |
| Water                                 | 1,341.47          |
| <b>Total Operations</b>               | 28,768.59         |
| <b>Payroll Expenses</b>               | 261,136.79        |
| <b>Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>   | 1,095.84          |
| <b>Reimbursements</b>                 | 759.57            |
| <b>SERVICE FEES</b>                   | 338.75            |
| <b>Shelter Repair</b>                 | 99.00             |
| <b>Shelter supplies</b>               | -2.99             |
| <b>Taxes</b>                          |                   |
| Code Enforcement                      | 425.00            |
| Taxes - Other                         | 965.95            |
| <b>Total Taxes</b>                    | 1,390.95          |
| <b>Treatment For Animal Vehicles</b>  | 767.29            |
|                                       | 40.00             |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                  | 565,416.49        |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>            | 83,655.88         |
| <b>Other Income/Expense</b>           |                   |
| Other Income                          |                   |
| Inventory - Goods Donated             | 201,850.00        |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>             | 201,850.00        |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>               | 201,850.00        |
| <b>Net Income</b>                     | 285,505.88        |

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**Kind Keeper, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 9, 2024

|                                          | Dec 9, 24  |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |            |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |            |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>                  |            |
| 3443 Business checking                   | 113.63     |
| Building Fund So Atlantic 3150           | 133,676.29 |
| Petty Cash                               | 131.35     |
| Savings Account 2628                     | 557.58     |
| SynovusChecking (New)                    | 122,058.90 |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>            | 256,537.75 |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>              |            |
| Inventory Asset                          | 201,850.00 |
| Payroll Asset                            | -49.56     |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>        | 201,800.44 |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>              | 458,338.19 |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |            |
| Accumulated Depreciation                 | -15,216.00 |
| Building Permit - New Build Permits      | 33,618.75  |
| <b>Total Building Permit - New Build</b> | 33,618.75  |
| Furniture and Equipment                  | 2,456.98   |
| Land Water Tower Road                    | 329,562.81 |
| Vehicles Purchased                       | 18,500.00  |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                | 368,922.54 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | 827,260.73 |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |            |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |            |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |            |
| Accounts Payable                         |            |
| Accounts Payable                         | -7,538.18  |
| <b>Total Accounts Payable</b>            | -7,538.18  |
| <b>Credit Cards</b>                      |            |
| Synovus - 6078                           | 259.47     |
| Synovus 6243 (Debit Card-3443)           | 3,781.47   |
| <b>Total Credit Cards</b>                | 4,040.94   |
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>         |            |
| A/P Misc.                                | 1,959.29   |
| Direct Deposit Liabilities               | -7,713.57  |
| Payroll Liabilities                      | 20,393.64  |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>   | 14,639.36  |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>         | 11,142.12  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                 | 11,142.12  |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |            |
| Fund Balance                             | 550.03     |
| Retained Earnings                        | 530,062.70 |
| Net Income                               | 285,505.88 |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                      | 816,118.61 |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | 827,260.73 |

**Exhibit II. Expenditure Report Due June 30<sup>th</sup>. If all funds are not spent by June 30, 2025, then quarterly reports with updated status are required until all funds are fully expended.**

| <b>Amount Received</b> | <b>Spent to Date</b> | <b>Status Summary</b> | <b>Project Goal</b> | <b>Measure(s)</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                        |                      |                       |                     |                   |
|                        |                      |                       |                     |                   |

Good day,

The State of South Carolina Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriations Act provides the revenue for the State government to meet its budgetary expenses. This year's Act included allocations to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) reserved as one-time appropriations for contributions to outside organizations. Your organization was selected as one of the outside organizations. The amount below indicates the funds that have been allotted in our agency's budget for your organization.

**An organization receiving appropriated funds:** Kind Keeper, Inc

**Amount:** \$300,000

**Appropriated Line Item:** Building Fund

I am excited to serve as your fiscal support agent. I will guide you through the process by providing fiscal support to ensure that you understand and execute each step. Let's begin by completing steps one and two.

**Step One: Registered SCEIS Vendor**

Please note that for funds to be disbursed to your organization, you will not only need to submit enrollment forms (the DES Disbursement Request Form and Grant Agreement) but also be registered as a vendor with the State of South Carolina. The vendor number in SCEIS for your organization is 7000343941 – Kind Keeper Inc 1500 LD Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC. If you need to update your vendor information you may do that using the link below.

<https://procurement.sc.gov/doing-biz/registration>

**Step Two, if applicable – Secretary of State Registration/Exemption (Non-Profit):**

To process disbursements as non-profit/other, it is a requirement for receiving organizations to register with the South Carolina Secretary of State's ("SoS") Office. Please review the following SOS attachment. Please confirm that I have obtained accurate confirmation of your registration or exemption.

**Step Three: Complete the Initial Enrollment Packet** (FORTHCOMING)

To complete enrollment forms for review and approval, I will provide more instructions for which you will access our Special Appropriations Portal ***within the next two weeks (tentatively)***. If your organization has appropriated contributions for more than one purpose, please complete a separate enrollment packet for each project.

### ***Snapshot Overview of Instructions***

- Use the drop-down menu to select your entity's name
- Populate the open text fields within the agreement
- Enter Project Title
- Complete the Distribution Form to include goals and measures; use the plus icon to add additional lines.
- Use the drop-down menu on the final page to Submit (or, save the form for later)
- After you submit your agreement, an agreement number will be assigned and it will be reviewed for approval. If additional information is needed, I will contact you.

Once the enrollment packet is approved and you have received a fully executed agreement, you will receive an approval notification email to include reporting requirements, and a payment confirmation email (once payment has been processed). By Executive Order 2022-19, DPH is required to promptly make available for public review and inspection on our website any reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21.

If you have any questions or need fiscal support at any moment along the way, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are delighted to assist you.

**House Member Appropriation Request Form**

THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PUBLIC

Project/Event Name: (Kind Keeper) Building fund

Requested Amount: \$ 250,000.

Recipient Entity: Kind Keeper

Is the entity a:        state agency,        local government,  non-profit, or        other?

If **other**, please explain: No Kill Animal Shelter.

Entity Contact: Be Linda Mairowitz Title/Position: CEO/Founder

Contact Phone Number: 843 427 4388 Email Address: KindKeeper@yahoo.com

Entity Website: Kind Keeper County Location: Horry

Summary of Intended Use of the Funds: see Attached

Justification of Request / Public Benefit: see Attached

Primary House Sponsor – Print Name

Primary House Sponsor – Signature

Additional Sponsors:

Print Name: William H Bailey Signature: William H Bailey

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Kind Keeper Animal Rescue

1500 LD Drive  
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
843-427-4388  
[kindkeeper@yahoo.com](mailto:kindkeeper@yahoo.com)  
[www.kindkeeper.org](http://www.kindkeeper.org)

March 28, 2024

The Honorable William H. Bailey  
4487 Lake Circle  
Little River, SC 29566

Dear Mr. Bailey,

Kind Keeper Animal Rescue (Kind Keeper, Inc) became operational as a small, community-based No-Kill, non-profit in 2016. We are usually "over" capacity with animals living in overflow crates and office areas. Since 2016 Kind Keeper has rescued almost 6,000 dogs and cats! We doubled animal intakes and adoptions in 2020 coinciding with the pandemic. Since 2020 our numbers continue at over 1000 intakes annually which is amazing given that our space has not increased since 2016.

We serve not only the Grand Strand area but also surrounding counties (Horry, Dillon, Marlboro, Marion, Florence, Georgetown). We accept transfers from county shelters, owner surrenders, and found strays. What makes Kind Keeper unique is that 70-80% of our intakes are "at risk" animals that includes pregnant, newborn, senior, sick, and injured animals.

Kind Keeper Animal Rescue is not affiliated with any city, county, or state entities. We rely totally on donations and grants to fund operations and capital improvements. We are sincerely grateful for the kind and generous support of our community, including your daughter Anne Marie, that enables us to continue our mission of rescuing homeless animals.

Kind Keeper serves our community in other ways:

- We regularly donate dog and cat food to local food banks and feral cat colony caregivers.
- Our volunteers take puppies and kittens to visit 10 local nursing home residents monthly. This win-win activity provides socialization for the animals and enriches the day for the residents.
- Our volunteers also take puppies and kittens to visit local schools and group homes. They provide information on the humane care of pets.

- Our staff and volunteers provide public education related to the importance of spay/neuter surgery, regular veterinary care, heart worm prevention, and other animal related topics. Educational events are in-person or via radio, TV, web, and social media platforms.

We currently lease space in a building that used to be a military barracks in the 1950's. The building is old, cramped, and incredibly challenging in terms of animal shelter operational needs. We must use mops and buckets to clean the kennels because there are no drains in the floors. The dogs must walk through the shelter to gain access to outside yards for exercise. Staff must carry water from the kitchen area throughout the shelter to provide fresh water for yards and animal kennels. Over the past 2 years the building has deteriorated significantly, making it necessary for Kind Keeper to pay for repairs or replacement of floors, cabinets, countertops, sinks and other parts of the structure used daily by animals and staff. We really worry about how much longer the building will hold up for the day-to-day management and care of our animals.

A generous donation enabled us to pay cash for over 10 acres of land in 2021. We have been fundraising to build a new shelter for the past two years and currently have \$176K in our capital improvement fund. We have the project planned and are at the stage where we are ready to pull permits to begin construction, pending funds to proceed. It will cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 for Phase 1 of the project: construction of the shelter portion of the building. Phase 2 would need additional funds to add a low-cost veterinary clinic that would provide spay/neuter surgery, exams, and low-cost vaccines to better serve our community.

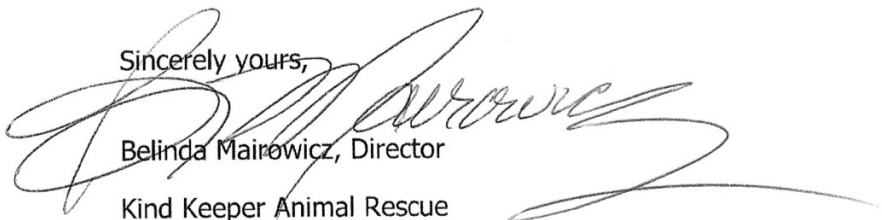
Our ability to raise funds is impacted greatly by the fact that Grand Strand Humane Society and the Humane Society of North Myrtle Beach are both trying to raise \$6 million to build new shelters as well. Grand Strand Humane Society receives municipal funding from the city of Myrtle Beach. The Humane Society of North Myrtle Beach receives municipal funding from the city of North Myrtle Beach. Kind Keeper Animal Rescue does not receive any municipal funding and relies totally on donations and grants.

We deeply appreciate your assistance in helping Kind Keeper apply for a state grant to support the construction of a new shelter that will triple our capacity. To date we have spent almost \$350,000 paying for land, architectural drawings, and other preliminary building project planning.

Our 2023 total income was \$544,686. Our 2023 total expenses were \$482,006.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We are happy to provide any additional information you may need for grant consideration. We'd love to have you visit and see first-hand what we do to serve the homeless animals in our community.

Sincerely yours,

  
Belinda Mairowicz, Director

Kind Keeper Animal Rescue



**Project/Event Name:** Kind Keeper Animal Rescue - Kitty Health Improvement

**Requested Amount:** \$250,000

**Recipient Entity:** Kind Keeper Animal Rescue

**The entity** is a non-profit, 501c3

**Entity Contact:** Belinda Mairowicz, CEO/Founder

**Contact Phone Number:** 843-427-4388

**Email Address:** [kindkeeper@yahoo.com](mailto:kindkeeper@yahoo.com)

**Summary of intended use of funds:**

For new shelter to furnish living spaces and exercise areas to house for projected 2000 animals per year.

1. Guillotine doors, Kuranda beds, and run fencing for 29 dog kennels
2. Habitats, kitty condos and catios for large cat room and several cat kennel areas
3. Kennels, beds, and furnishings for puppy areas
4. Kennels, beds, and furnishings for senior dog areas
5. Kennels, sinks, cabinets for isolation room
6. Fencing and turf for 8 outdoor group play areas

**Justification of request/public benefits:**

Based on local media reports and shared information online, all rescues and shelters in the Grand Strand area have been operating at full or over capacity for the past 2 years. Kind Keeper's new building will triple our capacity to care for homeless and at-risk dogs and cats. Unlike Grand Strand Humane Society and the Humane Society of North Myrtle Beach, Kind Keeper does not receive regular funding from a municipal contract. We rely totally on donations and grants. We receive phone calls and online surrender applications daily and we are unable to help most because we stay full and over capacity with animals living in overflow crates and office space.

There are always more animals in need than available resources to take them in and provide for their care. Kind Keeper No-Kill Animal Rescue has increasingly helped the community over the past 8 years since opening its doors in leased space. Although the amount of space has not increased, the number of animals that we have cared for and placed in homes has grown tremendously! Public benefits include reducing the number of homeless pets by increasing our capacity, helping more people in the community

seeking to rehome their pets, and providing a cleaner, safer environment for the animals in our custody.

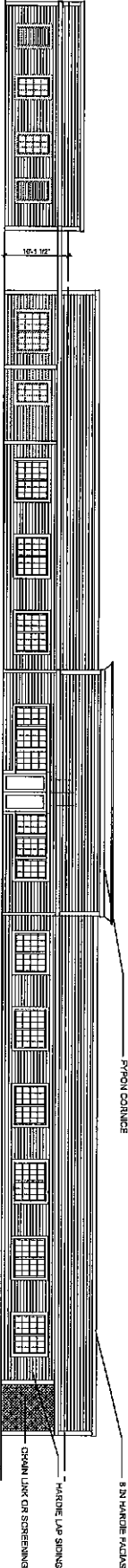
The table below shows the increased number of animals that have stayed at Kind Keeper in the past 8 years.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total Animals</b> | <b>Dogs/Puppies Adopted</b> | <b>Cats/Kittens Adopted</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2016        | 100                  | 70                          | 30                          |
| 2017        | 259                  | 199                         | 60                          |
| 2018        | 325                  | 252                         | 73                          |
| 2019        | 471                  | 354                         | 117                         |
| 2020        | 1002                 | 577                         | 425                         |
| 2021        | 973                  | 542                         | 431                         |
| 2022        | 1266                 | 793                         | 473                         |
| 2023        | 905                  | 535                         | 293                         |
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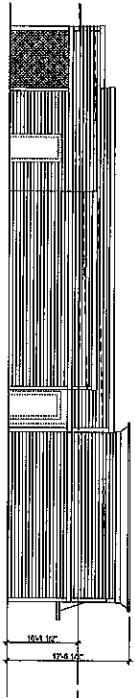
Kind Keeper Animal Rescue (KKAR, also known as Kind Keeper, Inc.) was founded in 2014 as a small, non-profit 501c3 organization by Belinda Mairowicz. Kind Keeper's mission is to actively rescue dogs and cats that are homeless, often suffering from medical problems, or at risk for euthanasia due to shelter over population. This includes a high population of newborns, pregnant animals, as well as senior animals. We provide veterinary care, proper nutrition, training, exercise, and love to prepare animals for adoption in the community. We accept owner surrenders, found strays, and animals from several surrounding county shelters that are overcrowded and have animals facing euthanasia.

**Note:** We are planning to build a new shelter at 2587 Watertower Road in Longs, SC. We paid cash for the land and are raising funds to be able to start construction. Attached is documentation that shows architectural plans for the new animal shelter and the new building project budget.

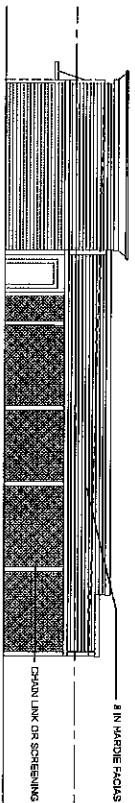
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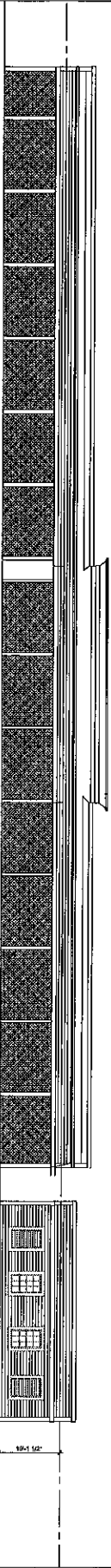
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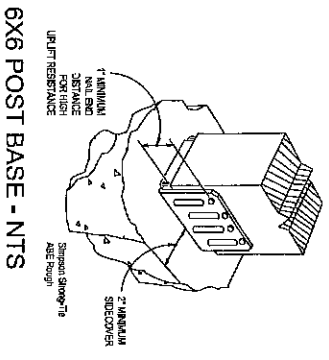
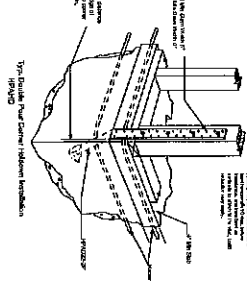
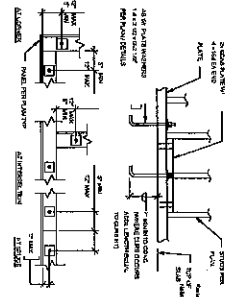
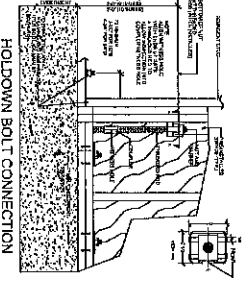
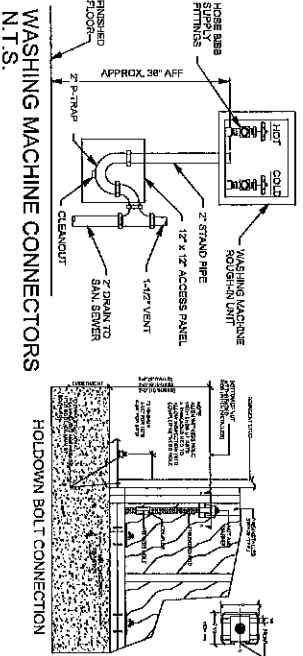
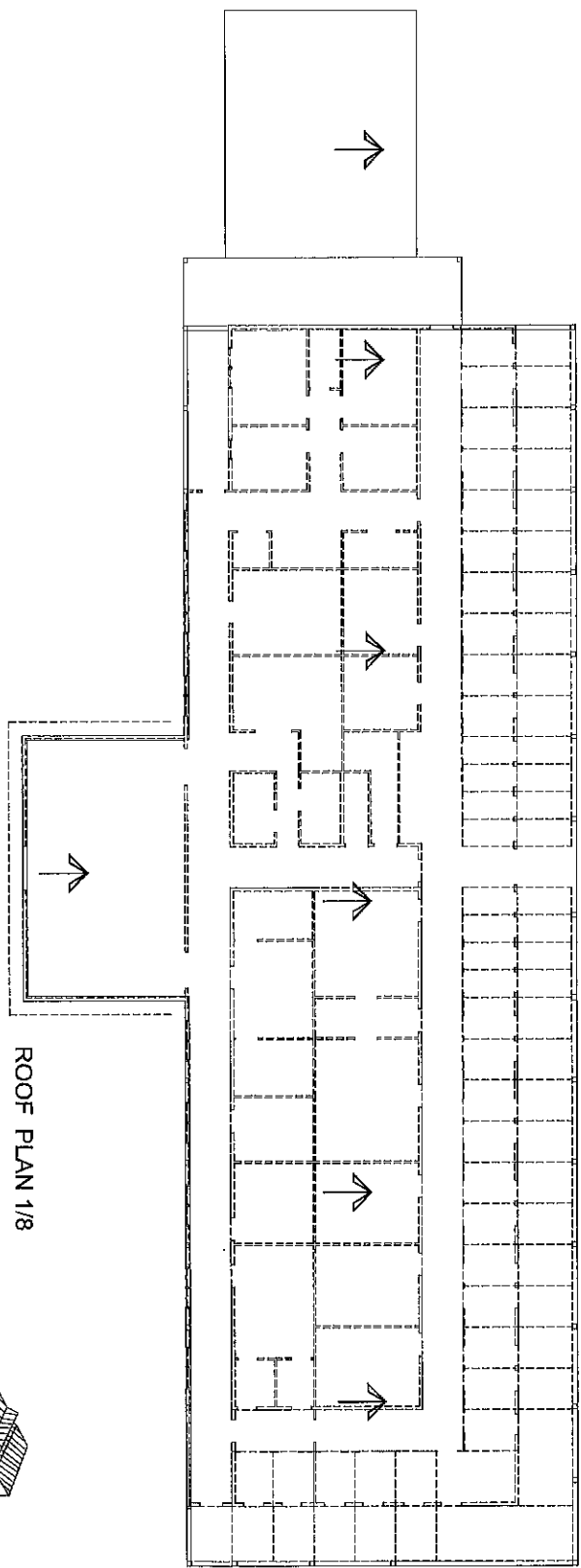
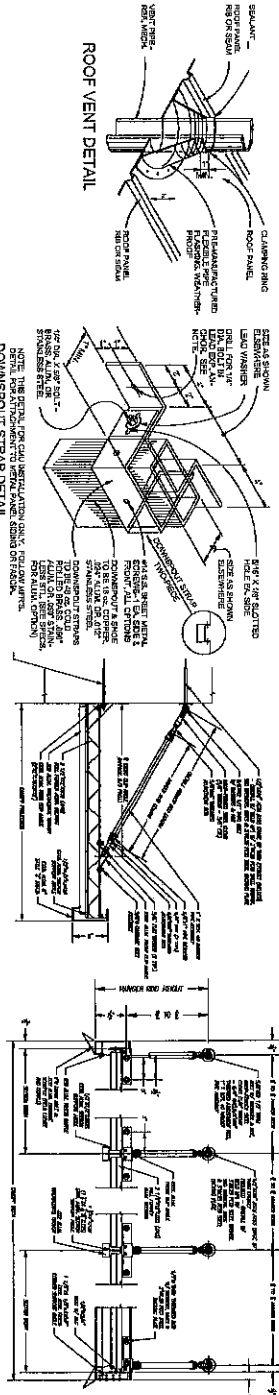
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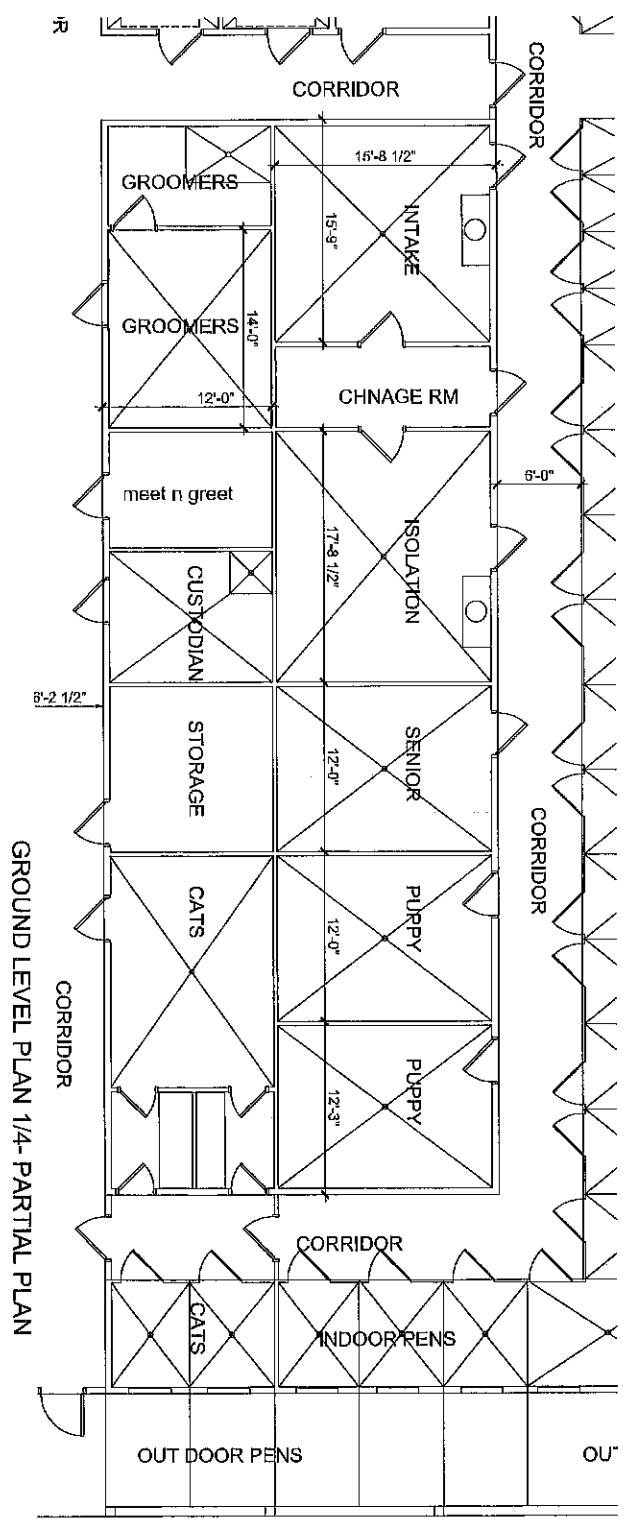
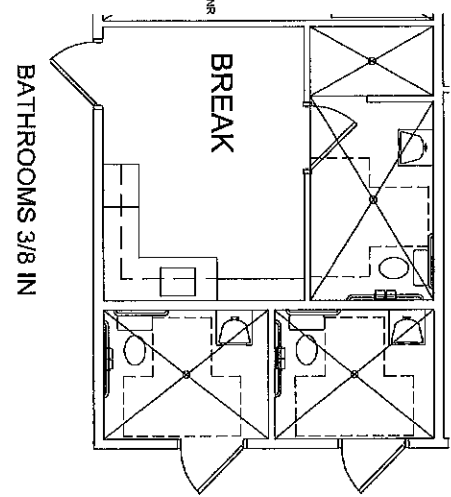
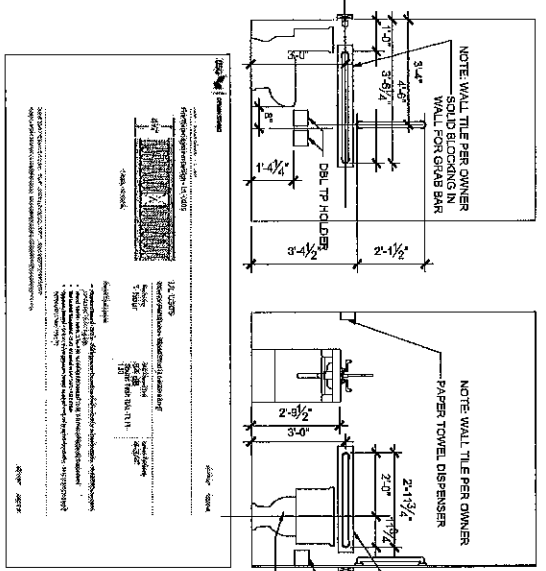
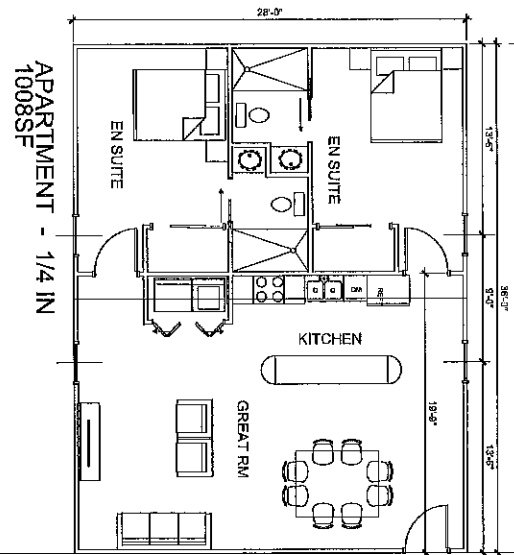


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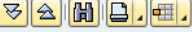


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## Control Objects Data: Annual Values

|                       |            |                        |                 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>FM Area</b>        | SC01 (USD) | <b>Grant</b>           | NOT RELEVANT    |
| <b>Fiscal Year</b>    | 2025       | <b>Fund</b>            | 10050025        |
| <b>Control Ledger</b> | 9H         | <b>Funds Center</b>    | P500X02510      |
|                       |            | <b>Commitment Item</b> | 561000          |
|                       |            | <b>Functional Area</b> | P500X2510       |
|                       |            | <b>Funded Program</b>  | 9813.670000X000 |



| Hierarchy of Control Objects - Budget Addresses - Posting ... | Consumable ... | Consumed Amt | Available Amt |
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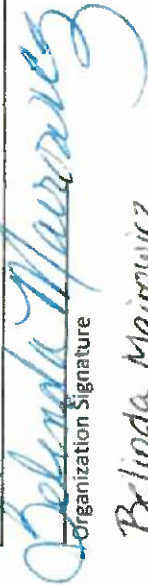


- (88) **P500** - Department of Environmental Services
- (a) Clarendon County - Newman Branch Swamp Clearing \$ 950,000;
  - (b) Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society - Land Improvement and Infrastructure \$ 20,000;
  - (c) Easley Combined Utilities - Upper Saluda Watershed Restoration \$ 2,200,000;
  - (d) Grand Strand Humane Society \$ 2,000,000;
  - (e) James Island Public Service District - Environmental Mitigation \$ 500,000;
  - (f) Kind Keeper - No-Kill Animal Shelter \$ 300,000;
  - (g) Pawmetto Lifeline - Veterinary Services \$ 250,000;
  - (h) PFAS Pilot Program \$ 900,000;



Organization Certifications

- 1) Organization hereby gives assurance that no person shall, upon the grounds of race, creed, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which this organization is responsible.
- 2) Organization certifies that it will provide quarterly spending reports to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 3) Organization certifies that it will provide an accounting at the end of the fiscal year to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 4) Organization certifies that it will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.

  
Organization Signature

CEO, Director  
Title

Belinda Mairowicz  
Printed Name

11/1/24  
Date

Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution

- 1) State Agency certifies that the planned expenditure aligns with the Agency's mission and/or the purpose specified in the appropriations act of 2022.
- 2) State Agency certifies that the Organization has set forth a public purpose to be served through receipt of the expenditure.
- 3) State Agency certifies that it will make distributions directly to the organization.
- 4) State Agency certifies that it will provide the quarterly spending reports and accounting received from the organization to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by June 30, 2023.
- 5) State Agency certifies that it will publish on their website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act of 2022.
- 6) State Agency will certify to the Office of the Governor that it has complied with the requirements of Executive Order 2022-19 by June 30, 2023.

  
Agency Head Signature

Myra C. Beece  
Printed Name

12/6/2024  
Date



**Chris Wimberly**  
**Finance & Operations**  
2600 Bull St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

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12/17/2024

To whom it may concern,

SCDES has multiple proviso distributions that are due to various entities. Every year, entities receive funds from the Legislature through proviso section 118. These funds are required for specific projects.

Kind Keeper has submitted all required documentation for their appropriated project, No-Kill Animal Shelter.

We respectfully ask that you process these as z-special so that we can release payment as required to this vendor immediately after the processed distribution invoices are audited and approved by State CGO.

If you need additional detail or have questions or concerns regarding these invoices, please do not hesitate to reach out to Vasa Cate at [Vasa.Cate@des.sc.gov](mailto:Vasa.Cate@des.sc.gov).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Chris Wimberly".

**Chris Wimberly**

Chief Financial Officer