

Needs Assessment & Fundraising

Many shelter organizations must make important decisions about project scale and budget before the architectural work begins. By assisting with the preliminary planning process, we can help you create the framework for a successful and rewarding project.

The best way to begin is to schedule a Needs Assessment Workshop with us and selected decision makers in your organization and community. The workshops are designed to be very interactive and build consensus, both in terms of establishing general direction and developing the specific program requirements. The workshop focuses on identifying key information including:

- Required animal capacity for the facility
- Average holding periods by function
- Peak holding capacity
- Adoption goals
- Infrastructure development and requirements
- Animal habitats
- Educational goals
- Community resources
- Administrative requirements
- Vehicular circulation and parking
- People and animal circulation
- Maintenance requirements

Based on the information gathered at the workshop, we will generate a Needs Assessment Report that includes a summary of the issues, space allocation by room, adjacency diagrams, and a preliminary budget. In addition, we often do an analysis of proposed building sites and identify the site that best suits your program and facility.

The final important step in the pre-design phase is to generate a Fundraising Package. Based on the needs assessment report, we can help you create conceptual floor plans and renderings that will assist you in promoting your vision to your community and help with securing donors.

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