



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1301

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project aims to further the goal of expanding workforce education in Florida and addressing the State's health care workforce gaps. Based on feedback from health care industry partners, the strategies proposed seek to build interest and increase access to educational programs in two high-demand health care jobs: Physician Assistants and Clinical (medical) Laboratory Professionals. Through our state-approved and nationally accredited educational programs, students will receive all required classroom and clinical education, advising, financial aid, and job placement assistance. By increasing the enrollment and graduation of "job ready" students in these select health care programs, Barry University will contribute to resolving select critical workforce needs in Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	652,568
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	652,568

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	652,568	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	652,568	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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



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Yes

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

The University received \$28,681,729 in federal assistance through the U.S. Department of Education - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These funds have been used for campus safety/operations measures and additional instructional equipment/software.

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

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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director will dedicate 5% of time to this project; (base salary x 5% = \$6474; standard fringe benefit rate on base = \$1716.	8,190
Other Salary and Benefits	Staff support for project director: 7.5% time of staff member (base salary x 7.5% = \$4884; standard fringe benefits rate on base = \$1294).	6,178
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Additional adjunct faculty and preceptors to meet enrollment increase.	72,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1) teaching tools, equipment to prepare additional students for hands-on clinical/patient care (\$111,200); 2) recruit and develop additional clinical sites in Florida (\$55,000); and 3) partial tuition scholarship support for students who commit to positions in Florida hospitals and health care organizations (\$400,000)	566,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		652,568



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14. Program Performance

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

This request will further the goal of expanding workforce education in Florida and addressing the State's health care workforce gaps. Specifically, local health care organizations have voiced a desperate need for more clinical (medical) laboratory professionals and physician assistants as the State continues to face an increasing scarcity of physicians. The funds will support enrollment expansion of two long-standing, successful, and accredited educational programs housed in Barry University's College of Health and Wellness.

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

The funds will be used to 1) recruit and develop additional clinical sites and required faculty, 2) enhance existing classroom resources to accommodate more students, and 3) provide partial tuition support and job placement assistance to students who commit to positions in Florida health care organizations upon graduation.

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

This initiative, by expanding the resources necessary to increase enrollment and graduates, will help facilitate the preparation of a health care workforce for the state of Florida. In doing so, it will address the current critical shortage of clinical laboratory professionals (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm>) and physician assistants (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm>). This will also help abate the impact of the shortage of physicians in the State of Florida (https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/News/2022/Florida%E2%80%99s_physician_shortage.aspx).

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

This project targets current and potential Barry University (BU) health care students as well as practicing health care providers seeking advanced education. The BU College of Health and Wellness enrolls over 2000 students. Upon graduation, these health care practitioners practice in clinical facilities in urban, rural, and under-served areas of Florida, providing care to the state's uninsured, under-insured and disadvantaged citizens. More than 80% of graduates from the College's clinical programs remain in their Florida home communities, including in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

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

The expected outcomes of this project are: 1) a 20% increase in the number of students enrolled and graduated from our medical laboratory and PA programs to fill critical workforce needs; 2) a 20% increase in the number of PA and Laboratory graduates who accept positions within the State of Florida, as reported by industry partners.

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?

Return unused funds and require submission of an improvement plan with strategies for improving the institution's performance.

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



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c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☒ 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