



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2196

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

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5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,322,125
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,822,125</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,822,125	86%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	300,000	14%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>2,122,125</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

At the present time, there is no 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?**

Yes



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

Keiser University has been awarded \$143,687,905 as of 4/20/2020 in collective HERF funds which includes student, institutional, and minority-serving funds for financial aid grants and other relevant expenses.

## 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    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/24

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2024

### 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.

Once complete all improvements will be wholly owned by Keiser University, a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, Florida corporation.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Hire and train two faculty/nursing instructors/sim coordinators to conduct simulation activities in mobile bus and at fixed simulation center (\$202,000.00) One bus driver to drive the bus to needed locations (\$60,000.00)	262,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicle (Farber Specialty Vehicle) will be the Mobile Training Simulation Bus (\$624,698.00); Adult nursing simulator (\$113,733.76); Two (2) AV systems and software with 5-year license (\$59,268.32); Birthing simulator and neonatal simulator (\$200,000.00); Durable medical equipment/supplies (\$12,000.00); IT support (\$24,300.00); Miscellaneous (\$26,125.00)	1,060,125
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fixed campus in Central Florida simulation laboratory upgrade and add advanced technology.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,822,125</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

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

To address the nursing shortage in Florida, the mobile training unit and the on-campus comprehensive simulation lab will provide training/clinical hours and specific critical competencies in nursing to address the workforce needs for faculty and shortage areas resulting in more prepared and credentialed nurses.

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

The mobile training unit and the campus based lab will be equipped with the necessary adult and pediatric simulators for nursing students to access for clinical rotations as required for graduation and licensing. Simulation, replacing a percentage of clinical hours, will allow programs to bring in additional students while still maintaining FBON and accreditation instructor-to-student ratios.

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

High school students and University/College students.

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

The benefit of this project is to increase the number of graduates who will be ready to fill shortages in Florida's nursing workforce. The outcome will be measured by the increase in students graduating with a nursing degree and preparing for appropriate licenses, passing the NCLEX exams, along with other appropriate licenses and tests to fill the critical workforce needs.

**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?**

Keiser University nursing students consistently pass their licensing exam at a rate higher than the state average. If the pass rates should significantly change, we would ask for a 60-day performance improvement plan using the ATI remediation program to correct deficiencies found in the Comprehensive Predictor exam result. Over the last two years, Keiser University's NCLEX pass rates have been above the state of Florida average (55.19% in 2022, 64.79% in 2021).

#### 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**

**c. Organization Type**



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- 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**