



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2783

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The UF Health Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has created a high demand multi-specialty Maternal and Fetal Care Program (MFCP) for pregnancies in Florida that coordinates the care needs for complex conditions that threaten the lives and health of mothers or babies. This program has grown dramatically since inception in 2019 and served approximately 650 pregnant women and their families over the past 12 months from over 155 zip codes in Florida. Examples of maternal conditions managed that have high rates of maternal mortality and severe morbidity include women with major cardiac, renal or autoimmune diseases, previous organ transplants, cancer, stroke, and genetic diseases. Fetal conditions include infections, preterm birth, major birth defects and genetic disorders. The program provides the care coordination (perinatal navigators, social workers, genetic counseling, medical director oversight) and patient travel/lodging to ensure patients can access needed care resources.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</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)	700,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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Patient care revenue would be used, which is not sufficient to cover the costs of the program that provides the care coordination needed to support high quality cost-efficient care. There are currently no philanthropic funds available to use to support this program. Care coordination does not generate revenue. Genetic counselors are also currently not able to generate revenue for counseling services in Florida and this is a service expense for our program.

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

Yes

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

\$48.9 million. The estimated cost of covid to the hospital was \$148.9 million and the money received went to plug that hole, which came up \$81.4 million short.

## 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)?**

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Maternal and Fetal Care Program Medical Director oversees the operations of the program including supervision of referral processes, efficiencies, triage of cases based on severity of illness, selection of referral specialists, monitoring of metrics and manages the metrics for the patient experience during the care episode.	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel to major referral sites across Florida 4/year.	1,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Business Development Support for community provider education and support facilitation.	54,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		



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Salary and Benefits	(2) Perinatal Nurse Navigator to manage the coordination of care for pregnancies with fetal abnormalities and complex maternal medical conditions that increase the risk for death and severe illness, (1) Pediatric Nurse Navigator to manage the coordination of care for newborns after delivery requiring multi-specialty care, (1) Social worker to coordinate travel/lodging, insurance and support services, (1) Genetic Counselor 1 genetic counselor to provide genetic counseling services	510,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(4) cell phones to facilitate access to navigators and social workers for patients and referral practices, (3) laptops to facilitate communication through the electronic medical record outside of a regular office, Travel and lodging for 200 non-local patients annually (average round trip of 150 miles x 2 and 2 nights lodging in Gainesville area)	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>700,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The UF Health Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has created a high demand multi-specialty Maternal and Fetal Care Program (MFCP) for pregnancies from across Florida to coordinate care for complex pregnancy conditions that threaten the health of mothers or babies. Funds requested will support essential care coordination (perinatal navigators, social workers, genetic counseling, medical director oversight) and patient travel/lodging to ensure patients can access needed care resources.

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

Coordination of care from perinatal/pediatric nurse navigators and social workers: intake and triage for urgency of referrals, scheduling of initial Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist consultations, ultrasounds, genetic counseling, fetal well-being monitoring, delivery coordination, consultation with pediatric, surgical and adult specialists, travel/lodging support for non-local patients.

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

Direct service include individualized patient point-of-contact support to help navigate the complex coordination of care required when multiple medical specialists are required to provide optimum care for the mother and baby. Direct support will be provide to help patients and families identify and access resources needed for help during and after pregnancy that will support ongoing care needs.

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

This program will serve an estimated 350 pregnancies annually across the state of Florida who have complex medical and surgical conditions in the mother, or who have complex fetal conditions affecting the management of pregnancy and that require intensive specialty pediatric medical or surgical care. These are pregnancies that are at high risk for maternal/fetal/neonatal death or that are even higher risk for severe morbidity/illnesses that place the mothers at risk for permanent organ injury or disabilities that have adverse long-lasting health and economic outcomes.

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



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-Reduce maternal death and severe morbidity  
 -Reduce perinatal death for congenital heart disease  
 -Improve regional perinatal care by maximizing complex pregnancy delivery at an appropriate level hospital for maternal and neonatal care  
 -High patient satisfaction with complex care  
 -Patients with complex pregnancy have increase rates of perinatal anxiety and depression. Consistent screening and timely referrals for mental health services will support patients and families at highest risk.  
 Suggested Outcome Metrics: Rates of maternal death, unexpected need for higher level of intensive care, transfusion rates; Perinatal mortality rates, unexpected newborn intensive care unit admissions; Rates of delivery at an appropriate facility (decreasing rates of neonatal transport); Rate of initial appointments scheduled within 1 week of referral and satisfaction surveys; Assess rates of appropriate screening for perinatal mental health disorders; Assess referral rates for those who screen posit

**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?**

Reduction of funding would be the suggested penalty proportionate to the degree of not meeting deliverables.

**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**

- 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**

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d. Phone Number