



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1082

1. **Title of Project:** ACORN Clinic:Healthcare SafetyNet in North Florida

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Please support 5 healthcare safety net clinics located in Alachua and Duval counties serving low-income residents from over 11 counties in north Florida. The clinics saw over 9,250 patients with 28,000 visits in CY 2018. These patients are low-income taxpayers located in rural or underserved communities and most do not have health insurance. The 2014, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Legislatures provided funding to reinstate healthcare training programs in this projects' safety net clinics. They have medical, dental, and mental health services as well as social service referrals AND excellent learning experiences with greater healthcare access for our citizens. They are critical in training future health care professionals while providing exposure to underserved citizens. 30% of safety net clinic patients said they would have gone to the ER if not for the clinic visit THAT DAY. Another 35% said they made fewer visits to the ER in the last 6 months. This is a huge savings in uncompensated ER care.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Health

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

| Type of Funding                    | Amount         |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations                         | 940,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>940,000</b> |

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

| Type of Funding                                      | Amount         | Percent       |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)       | 940,000        | 100.00%       |
| Federal  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Local  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Other  | 0              | 0.00%         |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b> | <b>940,000</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | NonRecurring |                             |        |
| 2018-19                  |           | 750,000      | 451                         | No     |

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$790,000

#### 10. 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                    | Grant Administration   | 20,000         |
| Other Salary and Benefits  |  |                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  |                |
| <b>Operational Costs:</b>  |  |                |
| Salary and Benefits  | Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Medical Assistants, Dentists , Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Mental Health Professionals, Healthcare Administrators. Includes one-time appropriation of \$150,000 to eliminate ACORN Clinic's 500 name Dental Clinic wait list. | 920,000        |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |  |                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |  |                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      |  |                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>940,000</b> |

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The 2014, 2016, 2017 & 2018 Legislatures provided funding to assist in reinstatement of healthcare training programs in high need communities. Please support these healthcare professional and pre-professional training programs in safety net clinics located in Alachua and Duval Counties serving residents in 11 counties. The clinics train the healthcare workforce of tomorrow, expand access to affordable or free health care for low-income uninsured/underinsured citizens, prevent/reduce inappropriate emergency room usage & provide an opportunity for community healthcare professionals to volunteer. A conservative estimate of ER diversion savings is over \$6 million dollars annually.

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

This appropriation project provides staff to supervise University of Florida, University of North Florida, and Santa Fe College student healthcare trainees in the provision of primary care, behavioral health, clinical pharmacy education, and/or oral health services at five safety net clinics in north Florida. The clinics are training sites for students. The increased healthcare training for the students provides student experiences in rural and underserved areas which in turn increases the numbers of students who seek future employment in these shortage areas. This service learning activity expands access to affordable healthcare services for low-income,



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uninsured or underinsured, and high-risk patient populations. Since inception of this project, we have exceeded contract deliverables by 168%!

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

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

The need for healthcare support of uninsured state residents and health equity is documented through: (1) mandated Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) conducted by Florida County Health Departments, (2) IRS required studies by regional non-profit hospitals, (3) ongoing reviews/studies by regional health planning councils, and (4) national studies such as the annual Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings. In 12 months, over 9,250 residents have been patients served by the programs funded by this appropriation. Annually, 230+ healthcare professional or pre-professional students participate in the safety net clinic sites' health professional training programs.

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

1. Eliminate 500 name wait list at the ACORN Dental Clinic. OUTCOME: No wait list and plan to sustain increased productivity. 2. Provide mental health services in a primary care setting including referrals to social services. OUTCOME: Number of patients served and visits as well as clinical assessment of patients' status. 3. Provide primary care services in rural and/or underserved communities with Emergency room diversion and Medical Home following hospital discharge, as applicable. OUTCOME: Number of patients served and visits; Clinical assessment of patients' status, Emergency Room diversions as measure of ROI. 4. Provide outstanding service learning programs/rotations to train healthcare professionals as well as undergraduates in pre-health programs. OUTCOME: Number of students and supervising staff/ faculty; number of student trainee hours, number of supervision hours. NOTE: These are the data collected & reported in our current DOH contract for FY 2018-19.

**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 in the contract?**

Failure to provide the minimum hours at each safety net clinic as specified will result in a two percent reduction in that quarter's payment for each clinic where the minimum is not met.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

None.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

a. **Name:** Candice King



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- b. Organization:** Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. dba ACORN Clinic
- c. E-mail Address:** cking@acornclinic.org
- d. Phone Number:** (352)222-3766

#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. dba ACORN Clinic
- b. County:** Alachua
- c. Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
- d. Contact Name:** Candice King
- e. E-mail Address:** cking@acornclinic.org
- f. Phone Number:** (352)222-3766

#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
- c. E-mail Address:**
- d. Phone Number:**