



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1386

1. Title of Project: Improving Access to Pediatric Graduate Medical Education

2. Senate Sponsor: Travis Hutson

3. Date of Submission: 02/05/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The pediatric population of Florida is growing rapidly and the state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Studies show that almost 60% of medical students that received their graduate medical education in Florida stayed in the state after graduation. Investing in a Florida-based residency and fellowship program at Nemours Children's Hospital will help to address the shortage of pediatric medical providers in Florida. Nemours is eligible for the federal Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program. CHGME funding is based on the number of residents we train during the first five years of our program. The more residents we bring through in the initial five years of the program, the more CHGME federal funding we will be able to access. This is a perpetual federal funding source. Additional state funding could allow Nemours to access additional federal funding by maximizing its cap building years.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,200,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,200,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Direct costs include salaries and benefits, as well as the overhead costs of practice for the resident physician, such as licensing fees, medical liability insurance.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Clinical facility expenses, such as utilities and maintenance, and administrative costs, expenses related to the educational modalities, including high fidelity simulation, required for expert training.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Recruiting and funding the training for up to 12 new pediatric residency positions at Nemours Children’s Hospital. Nemours is eligible for the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program. CHGME funding is based on the number of residents we train during the first five years of our program. The more residents we bring through in the initial five years of the program, the more CHGME federal funding we will be able to access. This is a perpetual funding source. Additional state funding could allow Nemours to access additional federal funding by maximizing its cap building years.

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

Central Florida currently lags behind other areas of the state with respect to the number of pediatric residency and pediatric fellowship opportunities. Studies show more than half of medical trainees (residents and fellows) practice medicine within 100 miles of where they completed their final year of training. In 2018, Nemours received initial pediatric residency accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and our first 12 pediatric residency positions begin in June 2019. Nemours is also developing pediatric fellowship programs and will begin adding programs on a rolling basis. This will directly impact access to quality



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pediatric providers in Central Florida. With this additional funding, Nemours will be able to fund additional residency positions during the critical cap building period to draw down additional federal CHGME funding, which serves as a perpetual funding source to operate the GME program.

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

The population of Florida is growing rapidly and the state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Studies show that almost 60% of medical students that received their graduate medical education in Florida stay in the state after graduation and 78.2% if the medical student receives both undergraduate and graduate medical education in Florida. Investing in a Florida-based residency and fellowship program at Nemours Children's Hospital will help to address the shortage of pediatric medical providers in Florida, by providing quality trained pediatric physicians, specialists, and sub-specialists to the market.

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

Primarily, the target population is the 3,500,000 pediatric children in Central Florida. The state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Shortages are already impacting Florida families. Nemours' Community Health Needs Assessment shows 37% of families in Central Florida experienced some difficulties/delays in accessing care for a child. When families cannot access preventative services and specialty care, manageable health conditions may become a greater threat to a child's health and more expensive to treat. Studies show that almost 60% of medical students that received their graduate medical education in Florida stayed in the state after graduation. Investing in a Florida-based residency and fellowship program at Nemours Children's Hospital will help to address the shortage of pediatric medical providers in Florida, improve access to quality healthcare, and fewer families will have to leave the state or their region to access care.

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

With this additional funding, Nemours will be able to fund additional residency positions during the critical CHGME cap building period to draw down additional federal CHGME funding, which serves as a perpetual funding source to operate the GME program. This will allow Nemours to train more pediatric specialty and sub-specialty providers, invest in more specialized fellowship opportunities, and improve access to quality healthcare for children in Florida. Every three years Nemours conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment which is one tool to monitor improvement in the ability of Central Florida families to access the right level of care for their child.

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?

Funds must be returned if not used for Graduate Medical Education Program in FY 2019-2020.

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.

The Nemours Foundation d/b/a Nemours Children's Hospital, a licensed Class II specialty pediatric hospital in Lake Nona, Orange County, Florida.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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