



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1780

**1. Title of Project:** State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota - Nursing Center of Excellence

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/11/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, requests \$2.15 million in recurring funding to establish the Nursing Center of Excellence to address the critical shortage of registered nurses in Southwest Florida. This funding will allow SCF to hire the instructional and clinical faculty and support personnel required to increase the annual size of the Associate of Science in Nursing two-year degree program from 160 to 220. This funding will allow SCF to create a Telehealth training program and address faculty recruitment and retention in the prerequisite courses required for nursing students.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,150,000</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)	2,150,000	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>2,150,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**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?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for nursing faculty, clinical nursing faculty, simulation center faculty, Telehealth program faculty, nursing program advising personnel and nursing prerequisite course faculty.	2,150,000
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>2,150,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

SCF will expand the Associate of Science in Nursing program by 60 students (30 per term) to address the critical shortage of nurses in Florida and the local region. By 2025 Florida will need 50,000 new nurses statewide and 5,200 in the Suncoast region. SCF has state-of-the-art nursing education facilities, the support of area hospitals and the local talent available to increase enrollment in the Associate of Science in Nursing program. The College needs the recurring funding to hire the teaching and clinical faculty and support personnel required by an expanded nursing student body.

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

SCF requires funding to hire additional nursing faculty to meet strict accreditation standards in the classroom, clinical faculty to supervise nursing training in local hospitals, simulation faculty to increase operating hours in the Nursing Simulation Center, nursing faculty to establish a Telehealth training program for the region, and to address faculty recruitment and retention in the prerequisite courses required by the nursing program.

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

Increasing the number of nurses graduating and entering the workforce will increase the quality and availability of healthcare in our region. SCF nursing graduates remain in the region and are hired upon graduation by area hospitals and clinics. According to the Florida Center for Nursing, more than 40 percent of Florida's nurses are approaching retirement age in the region within the next 10 years, and the state is not currently producing enough nurses to replace them. SCF is ideally positioned to help meet the need for more than 50,000 new nurses statewide by 2025, including 5,200 more nurses in the Suncoast region.

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



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All residents of Manatee and Sarasota Counties are the target population for this project. SCF's service area is a high-growth area, especially for seniors relocating from other states. Available and effective healthcare enhances the state and the region as a destination for relocating business, industry and seniors. SCF received a record number of student nurse applications for Fall 2018 – more than 700 – from highly qualified individuals with a strong interest in the field but can only enroll 80 due to current funding levels. Its program is one of the most affordable in the state and costs a fraction of area private college options. Funding this project will increase access to higher education in a high demand/high wage field for 60 more nursing students each year.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to begin to decrease the shortage of registered nurses in the college's service area. SCF's nursing program is one of the most accomplished and productive programs in the state of Florida. The College has the highest average Nursing Board (NCLEX) exam pass rates in the region (98-100 percent) for the past decade. Funding this project will allow SCF to educate and graduate more registered nurses, increasing access to quality healthcare for the residents of Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

**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?**

\$1000 per day in liquidated damages for failure to meet substantial completion.

**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.**

There is no fixed capital outlay funding in this request.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Manatee
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)

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