



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2147

1. Title of Project: Wolfson Children's Hospital Medically Complex Children

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Wolfson Children's Hospital provides coordinated care for the most medically fragile children in our region. Unfortunately, the Bower Lyman Center for Medically Complex Children is no longer accepting new patients as the cost to provide care is too expensive. Claims reimbursement and private philanthropy do not cover the costs of daily operations. Funding would allow for an additional provider to coordinate and care for more of the medically complex children in our region.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

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

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)	1,000,000	43.87%
Federal	169,992	7.46%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	58,337	2.56%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	1,051,000	46.11%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,279,329	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

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

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



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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	Current medical group plus additional provider and support team: 3 Physicians, 3 ARNPs, 3 Nurse Care Coordinators, 3 Medical Assistants, 3 Referral Coordinators, .25 Operations Manager, 1 Medical Secretary, .7 Family Advocate	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Bower Lyman Center for Medically Complex Children is a system of care that responds to the needs of medically complex children (with conditions ranging from muscular dystrophy to certain heart malformations) from birth through age 26, and serves the purpose of assisting families in navigating the health system, resulting in a significant reduction in the cost of care. Unfortunately, the Bower Lyman Center is no longer accepting new patients due to capacity and resource restraints. Requested funds will allow for additional provider capacity and ultimately additional patients to be served.

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

The Bower Lyman Center for Medically Complex Children will achieve these results by providing preventative care, care coordination, and enhanced access to ancillary services such as special education programs for children, and counseling programs for additional medically complex children in Northeast Florida.

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

New patients to the Bower Lyman Center for Medically Complex Children will receive diagnosis, referrals, assessment, and treatment. Patients will also receive 24/7 care coordination to help reduce unnecessary utilization.

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

Children with chronic and complex medical needs. These patients have conditions involving multiple organ systems, requiring technology to sustain life or have a diagnosable, enduring, life-threatening condition. There



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are 1,000 children in Northeast Florida with medically complex conditions, and we anticipate providing medical care to an additional 100+ of those patients.

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

With additional capacity to provide care coordination and direct patient care to medically complex children, there will be an overall reduction in healthcare cost for these children. Coordinated care will lead to a 20% reduction in hospital admissions and 20% reduction in emergency room utilization resulting in reduced cost.

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?

None.

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.

N/A

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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