



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1426

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The requested state funds will be used to renovate a donated commercial property located at 302 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 into a free medical and dental clinic serving uninsured, low-income residents of Clay County, that will also serve as the headquarters of a county-wide medical care coordination system that will navigate low-income individuals to appropriate care and prevent unnecessary hospital utilization. The main objective of the goal is to dramatically increase the number of residents served, doubling volume within three years of operation, and navigating thousands of others to appropriate, affordable care. The project has received public support from The Clay County Board of Commissioners (2022) and Clay County Health Department, along with the three Clay hospitals and all outpatient medical providers serving the poor (2020), as well as both the Clay SafetyNet Alliance and Impact Clay (2020).

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,450,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,450,000	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	650,000	31%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,100,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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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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.

First round SBA Payroll Protection Plan funds in the amount of \$59,273 were received in 2020 and used to maintain full employment for critical healthcare workers during the pandemic.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

March 1, 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 31, 2023

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.

The facility, located at 302 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065, is owned by The Way Free Medical Clinic, Inc., which would be the direct recipient of the fixed capital outlay funding.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1.) Phase One: Re-zoning, architectural design, site engineering, MEP engineering, permitting, and construction contracting 2.) Phase Two: Site excavation, grading, sewer connection, fire hydrant installation, hardscaping 3.) Phase Three: Building and addition construction, paving, interior and exterior finishing, lighting, landscaping, signage, furnishings	1,450,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,450,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The requested state funds will be used to renovate a donated commercial property located at 302 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 into a free medical and dental clinic serving uninsured, low-income residents of Clay County, and the headquarters of a county-wide medical care coordination system that will navigate low-income individuals to appropriate care and prevent unnecessary hospital utilization. The main objective of the goal is to dramatically increase the number of residents served, doubling those served annually to 2,500 within three years of operation, and navigate and coordinate care for an additional 3,000 annually through the inpatient and outpatient healthcare system.

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

The new clinic facility will provide free medical and dental care to Clay residents including primary, obstetrical, prenatal, diabetes, cardiovascular, respiratory, and dental care and hygiene services, as well as care coordination, navigation, and inpatient hospital aftercare services.

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

All medical and dental services described above are direct, free services provided to the citizens of Clay County. (Free medical and dental care to Clay residents including primary, obstetrical, prenatal, diabetes, cardiovascular, respiratory, and dental care and hygiene services, as well as care coordination, navigation, and inpatient hospital aftercare services.)

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

The target population served by this project are uninsured and under insured, low-income residents of Clay County, including the following specific categorical characteristics: elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, drug users (in health services), preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal Justice), victims of crime, and pregnant women and their newborn children. An additional 1,250 residents are expected to be served annually with the first three years of operation and the other 3,000 assisted with navigation and care coordination services.

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

Improved physical health: Individual patients will improve measurable health indicators for their respective diseases and conditions (e.g. lowering of A1C blood levels for diabetes patients; healthy birth outcome for maternity cases with high APGAR scores for newborns). The clinic will also provide access to all appropriate care options for thousands throughout the county, improving health outcomes for all. Patient medical outcomes are tracked in the clinic's electronic health record system and reviewed by licensed medical personnel. Navigation and care coordination data will be collected and analyzed using a proprietary care navigation system, producing improved health treatment outcomes for thousands.

Improved mental health: Patients receiving ancillary behavioral health counseling will score improvements on screening tools (e.g. Depression Scale PHQ-9). Patient screening outcomes are tracked in the clinic's electronic health record system and reviewed by licensed medical staff.

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?

Deliverables will consist of completion of defined milestones in the construction project leading up to completion and occupation. Penalty for ultimately failing to meet the deliverable of the completion of construction and occupation (notwithstanding time delays due to construction and supply chain issues) should be prorated forfeiture of funding for portions of the project not completed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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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

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number