



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1830

1. Project Title Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Platelets and Plasma Retention and Research

2. Senate Sponsor Joe Gruters

3. Date of Request 02/15/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Provide enhanced reference testing and research expansion, collection and analysis of quality blood and blood products. SCBC is participating in national research to advance precision medicine and individualized treatment approaches in blood, urine and DNA. We are the only blood center in Florida currently included in this national research. Florida funding will allow us to retain and expand on this foundation to evaluate and develop additional and critical analysis of collected samples.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Health

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	529,000	44%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	4%
Other	10,000	1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,189,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	450,000	451	No

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

PPP Loan - funds used for payroll assistance (1.33M) 2020

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Clinical research technician 2 research phlebotomists	180,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	4 platlets and plasma collection instruments - 3 Trima and 1 Optia Implementation of research samples cryopreservation control rate freezer liquid nitrogen product storage container. mobile reseach collection vehicle	420,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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

Investment in research testing and analyzers will improve patient outcomes and provide state-of-the-art blood services in Florida. Provide rapid response capabilities to the ever increasing need for complex blood product treatments, as exhibited in the recent pandemic.



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

We will work directly with our partner hospitals and community with advanced technology to meet the multiple medical needs and challenges ahead, resulting in improved patient care and positive outcomes.

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

This equipment will allow for the expansion to meet the ever-growing need for life-saving testing and research. The blood center will be prepared in it's continuity plan for the next emerging virus that is already threatening our border.

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

Suncoast Florida residents will initially benefit followed by the entire State of Florida.

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

Specialized testing availability on demand and all inclusive research

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?

There is not a contracting agency involved and therefore penalties are not applicable.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**
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



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17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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