



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1399

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay is embarking on a critical expansion project to provide vital support to families facing the challenges of caring for children undergoing life-altering medical treatment at St. Joseph Hospital in Tampa. The project involves the establishment of a new temporary housing facility conveniently located inside the hospital, 100 steps away from the NICU, encompassing over 10,000 square feet and featuring 11+ rooms, all designed to offer a comfortable and cost-free haven for families in their time of need. This expansion seeks to extend our commitment to alleviating the burdens faced by families during their children's medical journeys, ensuring that they have a welcoming, supportive environment during their stay.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,000,000	28%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	3,000,000	43%
Other	2,000,000	29%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	7,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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?



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Yes

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

Paycheck Protection Program- \$362,300 in 2020 and recognized the loan forgiveness 12/31/2020. This funding was used to cover payroll costs and retain workers after having to shut down one of our houses completely due to a hospital mandate. This funding helped cover 6 weeks of salaries and benefits for RMHCTB.
 ARPA Funding: \$78,000 was distributed locally in ARPA funding to help improve security needs on properties.

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
 N/A

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.

The facility slated to receive fixed capital outlay funding is established in collaboration with Baycare Health Systems Inc, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has maintained a dedicated community partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay since 2001. The nature of our relationship with Baycare Health Systems Inc is based on mutual commitment to the welfare of families facing medical challenges.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architecture and engineering fees, State Construction Doc Review (AHCA), demolition of existing space and build out of new Ronald McDonald House with 11+ guest rooms, kitchen, relaxation and play areas, furnitures and fixtures, IT and security, artwork, exterior signage.	2,000,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	2,000,000
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14. Program Performance

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

In addition to acting as a support agent to targeted Life Science industries in Florida, the requested funds will enable the expansion of RMHCTB by adding another facility in Tampa and will result in a 25% increase in the organization's ability to offer free temporary housing to approximately 300 families annually. Additionally, the project will facilitate the provision of ancillary support services, benefiting approximately 1,000 additional individuals, including day-use services for families staying bed-side. The total individuals served is estimated to be 1,600 annually. These funds will play a crucial role in broadening our impact, ensuring that more families facing challenging circumstances receive the vital support they need, ultimately enhancing the well-being of children and their families in our community.

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

The intended purpose of these funds will be met through a comprehensive range of activities and services offered by Ronald McDonald House, including providing temporary housing and comfortable accommodations to an estimated 300 families facing the challenges of caring for their children undergoing medical treatment at St. Joseph Hospital. Additionally, we will ensure access to hot meals, mental health support, and foster a supportive community by facilitating support groups for families during their stay, all of which will be provided free of charge to enhance the well-being of families in need.

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

The appropriation project will directly provide essential services to Florida citizens, offering free accommodation, access to meals, and a supportive community for families with children undergoing medical treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital. This support will significantly alleviate the emotional and financial burdens faced by these families during their challenging times, enhancing the overall well-being of Florida citizens in need. In addition, the services provided directly enhances access to quality healthcare for all families in need.

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

The target population served by the Ronald McDonald House project comprises of families experiencing a medical crisis with a child in need of medical treatment. We anticipate providing support to a diverse group, with approximately 45% of the families served coming from minority households, and 62% eligible for Medicaid. This project is estimated to serve 1,600 individuals annually, contributing to the well-being and comfort of those facing the challenges of pediatric medical treatment.

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

The outcome will be measured through quantitative data, including the number of families served and the duration of their stays, as well as qualitative assessments to gauge the impact on families' well-being, satisfaction, and empowerment during their time at the facility. This data-driven approach will allow us to assess the project's success in alleviating the burdens faced by these families and enhancing their overall experience.

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?

For delays or deficiencies, a tiered warning and corrective action plan system could be implemented. For significant delays or deficiencies, financial penalties, such as withholding payment, could be imposed. For material breaches, such as failure to complete essential deliverables or persistent non-compliance, more severe consequences, including contract termination, may be considered.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. **First Name** **Last Name**

b. **Organization**

c. **E-mail Address**



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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