



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3714

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Using telehealth delivery and a caring-based team model, the purpose of this project is to increase access to primary care, behavioral health services, primary prevention, disease management , and health education to vulnerable women, mothers and young children.
 This project will provide 1,728 additional primary care visits, 1,536 additional behavioral health visits, and 1,000 additional enabling visits to women, mothers and their children. Access will be increased with evening and weekend telehealth visits. In home monitoring equipment will provide access to accurate client clinical measures. Each provider will be trained in Florida Atlantic University's model of caring-based, compassionate, culturally aligned healthcare. Telehealth services will be provided by family nurse practitioners, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, and a registered nurse care coordinator. A community health worker will facilitate visits to set up home monitoring equipment.

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	478,988
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	478,988

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)	478,988	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	478,988	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.**



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The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) offers grants that enhance the well-being and health of women and children. Using this as a pilot project, Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing would apply for this future funding.

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

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

Florida Atlantic University received funds to provide telehealth training to nursing students, faculty and health care providers at the FAU/NCHA Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center Look Alike.

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Karethy Edwards, DrPH, CEO Florida Atlantic University/Northwest Community Health Alliance, Community Health Center	0
Other Salary and Benefits	The director of clinical services will serve as the project director for .20 FTE of \$130,000 = \$33,800 with \$7,800 fringe benefits. The clinic director will have overall responsibility for the operation and budget oversight of this the	33,800
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two primary care family nurse practitioners (FNP) will provide primary care services to women, mothers and children (.4FTE at \$110,000=\$44,000 x2 =\$88,000) via telehealth after the initial visit: two psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP) at a cost 4FTE at \$110,000=\$44,000 x2 =\$88,000)of will provide psychiatric and mental health services to women, mothers and children via telehealth; One RN coordinator will provide care coordination, health education, wellness and disease preve	349,000



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies and equipment for telehealth include: Bluetooth Body Composition, Weight Scale #100 ea \$30=\$3000; Bluetooth Blood Pressure Devices #100 ea \$35 = \$3,500; Bluetooth Pulse Oximeter #100 ea \$15= \$1,500; iHealth Gluco Plus Smart Blood Glucose Monitor#500 ea \$30 = \$15,000; EKO DUO ECG+ Digital Stethoscope #100 ea \$350 = \$35,000; Mobile Exam Device Case (MEDiC™) # 1 ea \$11,188; Laboratory Diagnostic Expenses \$25,000; and Miscellenous supplies \$2,000.	96,188
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)		478,988

14. Program Performance

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

Using telehealth to increase access to care, this project will design, implement and evaluate interventions aimed at improving health outcomes for women, mothers and their children. Using telehealth delivery and a caring-based team model, this project increases access to primary care, behavioral health services, primary prevention, disease management, and health education to vulnerable women, mothers and young children. It is in the taxpayer's moral and fiscal interest to decrease maternal death rate, particularly among black low-income women which is higher than the white maternal death rate in the nation, the State of Florida and the County of Palm Beach, Florida. Healthy women who have knowledge of how to live healthy lives and care for their bodies before they become pregnant are more likely to have healthy babies and children. For every dollar spent on primary care, behavior health services, and health education, millions are saved in preventing lifelong illnesses.

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

In November 2023, the FAU/NCHA Community Health Center staff and nursing students from FAU College of Nursing knocked on the door of over 200 households in the historic northwest community of West Palm Beach; persons in 161 households responded to the question, when it comes to your health and the health of your family, what matters most to you? The most common responses were: help with managing and controlling my blood pressure, keep my blood sugar normal due to my diabetes, controlling asthma, wanting help with mental health and education on chronic disease, on diet and parenting. This project will provide primary care, management of acute and chronic illnesses, health education, wellness, and mental health care service including coordination of referral services. Online health education and support groups for adverse childhood experiences, stress management

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

The direct services include primary care, sick care, health maintenance, disease prevention and health education. In addition, individualized and group mental health care will be provided. Each woman, mother and child will receive a complete health/physical examination with diagnostic laboratory and medical treatment as needed based on their assessment. Each woman, mother and child will receive an individualized plan of care and a medical home for current and future health care needs. Each woman, mother and child will receive a comprehensive mental health assessment and follow up mental health care as indicated. Health education classes including diabetes education, disease prevention and referral services as indicated by examination. Each client's health education needs will be assess and an individualize health education program will be provided to each client.

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

The target population represents low-income vulnerable women in the West Palm Beach neighborhoods in the two locations near the FAU/NCHA Community Health Center in Westgate and the historic northwest . The target population reside in urban neighborhoods and have a high CDC Social Vulnerability Index Scores (SVI). These locations have SVI scores ranged from 0.9262 to 0.9915 (FAU/Northwest Community Health Alliance Community Health, 2 sites). Therefore, the SVI reveals high vulnerability among the project target populations of women, mothers and children. The target population has a higher rate of poverty at almost 40% than the city of West Palm Beach and the state of Florida.



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

The outcome of this project will be measured by the number of women, mothers and children whose blood pressures are controlled, A1C laboratory values are less than 8; clients with asthma have an asthma plan and have decrease exacerbations of asthma, # of hospitalizations or visits to the ED; # of women who receive early referral to prenatal care in the first trimester and sign up for Medicaid if qualified, knowledge of their treatment plan, preventive care; women, mothers and children who have at least mild depression/anxiety and receive treatment as indicated by national medical guidelines; these indicators will be monitored using electronic health record and peer review.

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?

The FAU/NCHA has a 100% track record of meeting deliverables for grant funded projects. Recently, the FAU/NCHA Community Health Center. Recently, the Health Resources Services Administration recognized the Community Health Center for enhancing access to care, reducing health disparities and health information technology.

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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number