



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1732

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

In order to increase overall nursing student enrollment and graduates that can enter the nursing workforce in Florida and nationwide, Florida Atlantic University's College of Nursing is proposing to initiate a number of new initiatives and enhancements to strengthen Florida's nursing workforce at all levels, including doubling the number of slots available for students to be admitted to the Accelerated BSN program (from 40 students to 80 students per year). FAU will also create a post-baccalaureate program with up to 60 students, focusing on the significant mental health needs of the state. Additionally, FAU will offer increased fellowship and scholarship opportunities, particularly in the areas of Caring Data Science (using a humanistic approach to data science), and will provide opportunities for existing nursing faculty to strengthen their leadership and specialty areas through trainings and educational opportunities.

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	4,261,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,261,000

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)	4,261,000	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 2023-2024	4,261,000	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?

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

\$57M HEERF Student - Students' financial needs. \$82M HEERF Institutional & HSI funds - COVID testing & supplies, housing beds & COVID related expenditures, student AR balances & lost revenues due to COVID, IT expenses for students' basic needs on campus.

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	A minimum of 16.0 faculty FTEs, 6.0 staff FTEs, and 4 adjunct FTEs will be hired. 2 Postdoctoral fellows to participate in the Caring Science Postdoctoral Fellowship and training.	3,161,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Simulation and clinical learning lab equipment and infrastructure necessary to provide academic instruction in clinical settings and on-campus simulation lab settings, including live mental health patient actors, high fidelity simulators and virtual reality and hologram technology. Financial aid (scholarships)	1,100,000
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)		4,261,000



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14. Program Performance

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

FAU will increase nursing graduates in the state by doubling the number of slots available for students in the Accelerated BSN program from 40 to 80 students per year. We will create a post-bacc program for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners to address the mental health needs in Florida (60 students). We will increase our fellowships and scholarships offerings, conduct annual leadership fellowship and trainings for nursing faculty, and hire 16 nursing and data science faculty.

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

FAU will increase its nursing enrollment and graduation numbers. We will provide leadership development opportunities for up to 4 nursing faculty per year; will enroll at least 20 students in caring data science courses, will hire faculty, and will provide more fellowship opportunities.

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

FAU will graduate an additional 200 nurses annually & 1,000 over the course of the next five years, with over 90% entering the workforce in Florida and serving its residents.

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

More than 3.2 million residents currently live in Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties, and these individuals are all within the target population that will be served by this project, in addition to individuals living in Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

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

Expected benefits include increased numbers of highly qualified nurses entering the workforce in Florida and positive contributions to the state's economy and workforce. The primary educational outcomes of the proposed programs include student enrollment and graduation numbers. The primary workforce outcomes include the number and percentage of students who successfully pass the NCLEX-RN exam and enter the nursing workforce; particularly in the state of Florida.

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?

If Florida Atlantic University does not execute the plan as proposed, the state of Florida may relinquish all funds associated with this request.

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



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- 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