



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2945

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will assist in site preparation and construction costs to build a new therapy center on an abandoned property acquired by and adjacent to Jackson Hospital. This therapy center will include a new venue for Jackson Hospital's outpatient therapy and rehabilitation services in an easily accessible location to the main hospital, as well as a fitness center and an indoor pool for aquatic therapy. This construction project is part of the first phase of the creation of Jackson Hospital's medical complex, an extension of Jackson Hospital's main campus that will expand outpatient healthcare services in the rural communities it serves.

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 | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,000,000 |

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) | 1,000,000 | 25% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 1,400,000 | 35% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 1,600,000 | 40% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 4,000,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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

Jackson Hospital received \$14,533,720.52 in HHS Stimulus and ARP Rural Funds during the COVID-19 pandemic, all of which were used for operations purposes in the main hospital and physician practices. Jackson Hospital received and repaid in full \$8,478,399.57 through the Medicare Advanced Program for hospital and clinic operations to get through the pandemic. Jackson Hospital was awarded a Florida DEO Community Development Block Grant for \$2,879,000 for negative pressure patient room renovations.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

May 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

May 1, 2025

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.

Jackson County Hospital District, a Florida special taxing district that does not receive any tax revenue.

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 | Construction costs for building Jackson Hospital's Therapy Center. | 1,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,000,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will assist in site preparation and construction costs to build a new therapy center on an abandoned property acquired by and adjacent to Jackson Hospital. Jackson Hospital currently has outpatient therapy services, but they are offered in a rented building that is inconvenient for patients to access and does not have optimum space and equipment for patients. Moving those services into a centrally located therapy center will allow Jackson Hospital to expand therapy services in an easily accessible location with better equipment to deliver a higher level of care. Centralizing services is a priority for Jackson Hospital because the rural communities it serves often faces transportation challenges that interferes with their care.

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

The funds will assist in site preparation and construction costs to build a new therapy center on an abandoned property acquired by and adjacent to Jackson Hospital. The building will house Jackson Hospital's outpatient therapy and rehabilitation services, as well as a fitness center and an indoor pool for aquatic therapy. The addition of a therapy center to Jackson Hospital's new medical complex will make therapy services more accessible to the local population and centralize the healthcare services that Jackson Hospital provides to the rural communities it serves.

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

The proposed therapy center will increase the availability of routine and specialized therapeutic care in a more efficiently equipped facility. Centrally located healthcare options are critical in the rural and fiscally constrained communities that we serve and will ensure that even our most indigent populations have access to quality healthcare without the added costs of traveling long distances.

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

Patients of all ages who may require outpatient therapy or rehabilitation services will be served by the new facility and expanded service lines. The number served will be approximately 50-100 patients per day in the new therapy center, without accounting for the number who will utilize the fitness center and indoor pool.

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

More patients will receive therapy and rehabilitative services in a building that is both larger and better equipped to house the therapy and rehabilitative services departments. Moving these departments will allow for easier patient access, due to the location of the building, and a better setting for patient care, due to the current outdated and cramped building. Data analysis of the current patient volume and the patient volume in the new therapy center should show an increase in patients.

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?

Penalties will be outlined in contract between requester and State Agency.

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



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) Florida Special Taxing District

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