



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2743

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Replacement of two Neonatal/Pediatric critical care ambulances. Nicklaus Children's Hospital is South Florida's only licensed specialty hospital exclusively for children and includes a fleet of ambulances that are specially equipped for children. This specialty patient transport service allows the hospital to transport children to intensive care units, emergency departments, and medical surgical units, in addition to other facilities in the community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	900,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	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	900,000	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?

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



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Nicklaus is the only freestanding children's hospital in the S. Florida region & Medicaid represents 65% of our patients seeking specialty pediatric care. During COVID, Nicklaus experienced continued operating losses of \$2-3 million per month & had over \$100 million impact in decreased patient revenue. Nicklaus received \$60 million in federal assistance.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of two Neonatal/Pediatric critical care ambulances which includes all patient compartment needs, communication and radios required, branding, etc. (Chassis, construction/conversion of patient care compartment and additional specialty options including but not limited to blanket warmers for babies/kids staying warm, wider door on side to accomodate two stretcher system & pediatric stretcher	900,000
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)		900,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Purchase of two Neonatal/Pediatric critical care ambulances which includes all patient compartment needs, communication and radios required, branding, etc. (Chassis, construction/conversion of patient care compartment and additional specialty options including but not limited to blanket warmer for babies/kids staying warm, wider door on side to accommodate two stretcher system & pediatric stretcher.

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

This funding would help ensure that Southern Florida families and children have access to operational vehicles equipped to treat the special needs presented by some babies and children. Specifically, the requested new ambulances will be equipped for neonatal and pediatric critical care transport. These ambulances provide an isolette to ensure newborn or recently born infants stay warm & secure during transport, a stretcher for moving all other sized pediatric patients. Inside, we ensure that there is plenty of room to bring a parent or caregiver during an extremely scary time. There are other unique features. Most important is a child receiving transport to facility to receive best expert care.

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

Our transport team serves our most critical and fragile patients being transferred from referring hospitals to Nicklaus Children's Hospital for a higher level of care and excellence in patient care. Our ambulances are reaching the end of their lifecycle and need to be replaced. Our team provided specialty ground transport for 4,700 patients in 2021. Our immediate service area covers from St. Lucie County to the North, Lee County to the West, and Monroe County to the South with all areas in between these borders. As far as patient populations, we care for all children from very small premature babies to newborns that need whole body cooling, to trauma transfers between hospitals, to kids with heart defects.

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

We care for all children from very small premature babies to newborns that need whole body cooling, to trauma transfers between hospitals, to kids with heart defects. In 2021, our team provided specialty transport to 4700 kids, ensuring Floridians have access to high quality care provided by Nicklaus. Nicklaus Children’s Hospital is South Florida’s only licensed specialty hospital exclusively for children, is renowned for excellence in all aspects of pediatric medicine with many specialty programs routinely ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Our transport team serves our most critical and fragile patients being transferred from referring hospitals.

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?

Failure to utilize the funds in the specified manner shall result in funds being returned to the State.

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



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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