



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1531

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Promise Fund of Florida is creating a replicable model of healthcare to address health equity and social determinants of health by providing outreach, education, and navigation to screening, diagnosis, and treatment to reduce breast and cervical cancer mortality in Palm Beach County. Accomplishments include implementing a Patient Navigator Network and identifying a network of local health providers and hospitals to serve women locally. We seek to serve an increased number of minority women in underserved communities by supporting continued Patient Navigation Services throughout Palm Beach County, including rural areas such as the Glades.

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	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

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)	450,000	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	450,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	450,000	451	No

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.**
- Fundraising from individual donors and private foundations.

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.

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	The Patient Navigator's expenses related to travel when transporting participants to necessary medical appointments. Other expenses include internet and utilities costs at our office where we host Patient Navigator Network Meetings and trainings.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The contracted Patient Navigator's primary function is to guide women's health patients through the health care system to reduce deaths due to late-stage breast and cervical cancer by assisting with access issues, developing relationships with service providers, and tracking interventions and outcomes. Navigators will continue work in Palm Beach County, including rural areas of the county such as the Glades. This grant request is the result of successfully expanding our Patient Navigator Network	430,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

14. Program Performance



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

The Promise Fund is requesting support for our breast and cervical screening and cancer program by continuing to support expanded Patient Navigation because early detection and screening for breast and cervical cancer not only saves lives but saves taxpayers funds. Survival rates if caught in early stages are nearly 99% for breast cancer and 95% for cervical cancer. With implementation of early detection and screening and early diagnosis, taxpayers save millions of dollars per year. According to a study by NIH (Comparison of Treatment Costs for Breast Cancer, by Tumor Stage and Type of Service), over a 24 month period, the difference between a patient cost for treating Stage I Breast Cancer is \$71,909 versus treating Stage IV Breast Cancer which is \$182,655. Detecting women's cancer early saves lives and is a cost effective measure of our state.

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

Patient Navigators will conduct the following activities: Guide patients through the health care system using with cultural competence, facilitate scheduling appointments and making appropriate referrals, ensure patients with abnormal findings receive all follow-up care and treatment, facilitate interaction and communication with health care staff and providers, provide women's health education to individuals and groups, assist women's health patients in finding ways to pay for their breast and cervical health care, assist with arranging for patient transportation where needed, track interventions and outcomes, identify underinsured and uninsured target population by utilizing community service data, establish community relationships by visiting local organizations and institutions, and collaborate with community groups to increase women's health awareness.

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

Patient Navigators will provide multi-lingual patient navigation to low income women residing in Palm Beach county in need of mammograms and pap tests and schedule clinical breast exams and pap smears as indicated to increase access to care. Patient Navigators will ensure all participants have a medical home and will review social determinants of health for program participants in order to determine appropriate health and social service referrals. Patient Navigators will facilitate early detection screening and diagnostic referrals, translation, transportation, social service referrals, and follow up in a timely manner to ensure optimal health outcomes. Patient Navigator will determine eligibility for various insurance programs/authorizations and/or other potential resources to cover costs. Patient Navigators will conduct individual and group education sessions related to breast and cervical cancer to educate on risk factors and importance of screenings.

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

The target population is women who are uninsured and/or have limited health insurance and women of color. Mortality of breast and cervical cancers disproportionately affects women of color. Black women have the highest rates of death from cervical cancer and mortality rates 40% higher than White women for breast cancer. Hispanic women are most likely to develop cervical cancer and are diagnosed with more late-stage breast cancers compared to White women. Approximately 1,000 women will receive Patient Navigation and over 1,000 women will receive outreach and education.

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 reduced deaths from late-stage breast and cervical cancer and the benefits of this project are cost-saving measures for taxpayers in Florida. Patient Navigators will track and measure the following: Patients will have an identified medical home and women requiring early detection screenings will receive referrals. Referred patients will be navigated to the recommended service and women diagnosed with cancer will receive referrals to treatment services. Referred patients will be connected to treatment resources and women identified as having a language barrier, will receive translation assistance. Women identified as having a transportation barrier will be referred to existing resources to obtain transportation assistance and women identified as needing social service supports will be connected to an appropriate resource. Uninsured women requiring financial assistance for patient care services will be assisted with accessing available programs.

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 our organization fails to meet deliverables or performance measure, we will be subject to submitting a performance improvement plan with measurable outcomes bound by timelines and a formal review.

15. Requester Contact Information



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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
d. Phone Number