



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1997

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

UF Health CFL proposes to build a SIM lab for nursing students and current medical staff. SIM labs are used to provide hands-on clinical experience in a controlled, safe environment. The use of these labs is linked to significant improvements in skill performance, knowledge acquisition, clinical performance, critical thinking skills and communication skills. Research suggests a 74% reduction in medical errors and an 85% reduction in infection rates following the use of SIM lab training. The penalty for not investing in newer educational resources for staff can negatively impact clinical performance, patient quality, readmission rates and even patient mortality.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	375,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,125,000	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?**



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Yes

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

Both hospitals received \$18.5 million to assist with covering losses due to Covid-19.

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?

Unknown at this time.

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Unknown at this time.

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.

UF Health Leesburg Hospital - same as 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	SIM Lab building cost and equipment.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

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?

SIM lab training will be an integral part of new nursing students and medical staff training. The lab will also be used for continuing education and care refreshers for employed staff.

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

Local nursing students and UF Health Central Florida medical staff will be able to utilize the SIM lab for enhanced training which in turn will also benefit patients receiving care at our facilities.

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

College and University Students. Expected to have more than 800 students benefit.

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

Successfully opening the Sim Lab and providing workforce development to improve the quality of care provided by nurses. Will also measure the quality scores of the nurses.

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?

Repayment of funds.

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



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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