



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3579

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

4. Project/Program Description

The School District and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County collaboratively execute and maintain the school health record for Palm Beach County. This appropriation is meant to replace the current electronic medical record (EMR) utilized for school health services and provide an archiving solution for past records. The new EMR will offer new features that will improve the school health program through optimized workflows. Our current software system has some fundamental flaws that do not support the nursing team to improve workflows, parental communications, staff communications, and documentation. The conversion plan will require some overlap of software systems in order to convert and maintain archive data. This results in additional expenses for the Health Care District to maintain two software contracts for the conversion period.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
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	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 2024-2025	1,000,000	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.**
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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.

Provider Relief Funding restricted for Lakeside Medical Center: \$26,985,323.25. Salaries, contracted physicians and additional personnel, supplies, lab services, specialty bed rentals, and loss of revenue.
 Provider Relief Funding restricted for Healey Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center: \$1,398,358.03. Salaries and benefits, supplies, lab services, and loss of revenue.
 Provider Relief Funding restricted for CL Brumback Primary Care Clinics: \$1,909,880.67. Salaries, testing, supplies.

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)?

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	Salaries for training on the new software system for the school health staff members. Estimated 220 HCD employees and 25 DOH employees 8 hours of training on the new EMR.	103,287
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Initial implementation of the EMR conversion for the first year (includes the first year subscription as well as implementation fees). (\$800,767) Archiving existing records in order to meet requirement for medical record integrity for year one.(\$95,946)	896,713
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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
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?

New ERM that will improve school health services in Palm Beach County. The new EMR provides major enhancements to provide parents with an electronic portal to communicate more effectively with the clinical team providing health services to their children. In addition, the new EMR will also enhance the ability to educate school faculty through a secure notification on chronic conditions of students in their classroom with student specific interventions related to that chronic condition. Furthermore, the new EMR has a more dynamic data repository which will provide us with great information and data to help us improve the health and wellness of the students throughout the county by tracking and trending data as well as intervening early. Early intervention and preventative care reduces the overall cost of healthcare for individuals long term and does demonstrate positive financial impact for childhood conditions.

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

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County (HCD) will work collaboratively with the Department of Health (DOH) and the School District for Palm Beach County (SD) for the county to build and implement the new electronic medical record this fiscal year (October 2023-September 2024). This will also require data feed from the school district's software system which is already in process. The leadership of the HCD, the SD, and the DOH will be required to customize the new EMR, revise any policies and procedures as needed, and validate integration with existing systems as we proceed with the implementation.

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

Improved communication with parents/responsible adult for children receiving health services in the schools of Palm Beach County through an electronic portal. Improved care and documentation of clinical care provided to students receiving care in school health. Robust data analytics to monitor and measure wellness and impact of the school health program in Palm Beach County which service over 180 thousand students according to the number of students registered in impacted schools at this time.

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

Schools in the county that are serviced by the HCD and the DOH of Palm Beach County. 172 schools with school health staffed by the HCD and DOH and data entered by DOH the charter schools (approximately 50) that are overseen by the DOH for the county. In addition, the system will be utilized in all Head Start locations in the county serviced by the HCD.

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

Early identification and intervention for chronic conditions as well as students at risk for health conditions such as obesity, hearing disorders, scoliosis, and etc. We will be able to track medication administrations, diabetic care provided, screening outcomes for hearing, vision, body mass index, and scoliosis, referrals for failed screenings, case management completion for known conditions.
 Robust data analytics for school health services.
 Improved communication with parents/responsible parties through an electronic parent portal so they can access the school health record.
 Improved communication with SD faculty about chronic disease management for students which align with their IEP and 504 plans.
 Improved and timely documentation of services rendered to all students.
 Improved best practice implementation through electronic safety measures built in the system.
 Timely referrals for student specific needs (primary care appointments, failed screenings notifications, etc).

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 unable to execute the implementation of the electronic medical record, repayment of funding would be required.



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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
- Other (please specify) Independent 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