



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2765

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Development of simulation center for training of nurses & other frontline personnel. There are direct benefits of simulation training including but not limited to decrease in length of stay, increase of patient safety, reduction of errors, increase quality of care, competence attainment and improve readiness in clinical settings. Nicklaus is the largest pediatric teaching program in the southeastern United States and there is benefit of teaching learners rotating through Nicklaus such as FIU.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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.**

Private funding will serve as match for various rescue challenges annually.

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 various sized patient simulator mannequins and other simulation based equipment and technologies, education and training needs for simulation training, development of simulation practice environment and space. Various patient simulators are necessary given we are solely pediatrics and have a range of premature babies to adult sized adolescents.	1,500,000
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)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Purchase of various sized patient simulator mannequins and other simulation-based equipment and technologies, education and training needs for simulation training, development of simulation practice environment and space. Various patient simulators are necessary given we are solely pediatrics and have a range of premature babies to adult sized adolescents. There is extensive research demonstrating correlation with simulation training for healthcare professionals and patient safety and benefits of simulation training for clinical settings and effectiveness in team performance.

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

Purchase of various sized patient simulator mannequins and other simulation-based equipment and technologies, education and training needs for simulation training, development of simulation practice environment and space. Nicklaus is the largest pediatric teaching program in the southeastern United States and there is benefit of teaching learners rotating through Nicklaus such as FIU.

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

Nicklaus Children’s Hospital is South Florida’s only licensed specialty hospital exclusively for children. Direct value includes the benefits of simulation in training nurses, medical students, fellows, residents and healthcare professionals. Social value includes the benefits to society/patient population serve by Nicklaus including quality of care and fewer complications.

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

Neonates and babies, preschool students, grade school students and high school students given the healthcare professionals treating these populations will be trained with simulation.

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

improve physical health: Social value includes the benefits to society/patient population serve by Nicklaus including quality of care and fewer complications. Utilization of an evidence-based program evaluation tools to assess the sustainability and success. Also, appropriate clinical interventions implemented as determined by our Quality and Safety team. Enrich cultural experience: patient safety and sustainability measured by competence attainment and validation, reduction in alternative training and procedures performed. Improve quality of education: Benefits of simulation training in users- nurses and healthcare professionals and improved readiness for clinical practice, enhanced critical thinking and reasoning as well as standardization of clinical experiences and education. Nicklaus is the largest pediatric teaching program in the southeastern United States and there is benefit of teaching learners rotating through Nicklaus such as FIU.

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

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)

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