



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1459

1. Title of Project: Pinellas/Pasco Dental Care

2. Senate Sponsor: Ed Hooper

3. Date of Submission: 01/17/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The proposed project aims support joint efforts of City of Tarpon Springs and Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP) to improve access to oral health services for the low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents of North Pinellas and South Pasco counties. The funding will allow CHCP to build a new 5,000 sq. foot dental center in Tarpon Springs on the land provided by the City government. The center will be offering a wide scope of affordable preventative, restorative, and emergency dental services for the 36,500 low-income residents of five zip codes in immediate service area. The project will also positively impact the economic activity in the area and create 12 new full-time jobs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Health

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of Dental Facility	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Access to dental care or oral health care is a concern across the state of Florida. Oral health indicators in Pasco and Pinellas counties are consistently below statewide indicators. According to the Centers for Diseases Control BRFSS Prevalence & Trends Data, 17.9% of adults over the age of 65 in Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area have all of their natural teeth removed. This is 35.6% higher when compared to the 13.2% state average. The new 5,000 sq. foot dental center in Tarpon Springs will be offering a wide scope of affordable preventative, restorative, and emergency dental services for the 36,500 low-income residents of five Pinellas and Pasco zip codes in the immediate service area of the new dental center. CHCP will assume all expenses associated with the operation of the new center.

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

The project will positively impact the economic activity by more than \$1.2 million on an annual basis at full operational capacity and create 12 new full-time jobs including dentists, dental assistants, and patient support specialists. CHCP in collaboration with the City of Tarpon Springs proposes to build a new 5,000 sq. foot dental center in Tarpon Springs, Florida, on the land donated by the City government. The facility will host ten (10) dental operatories, dental radiology and laboratory, patient support, waiting areas, and case management services. The new center will be able to support up to four (4) dental providers and an appropriate team of ancillary staff.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

CHCP will be offering a full scope of general dentistry services including preventative, restorative, and emergency dental services, as well as oral hygiene and health education. Citizens will also have access to many enabling services including eligibility assistance. The project's target population are low-income, uninsured, and under-insured residents of North Pinellas and South Pasco counties. CHCP will be offering dental care for adults



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and children regardless of the insurance status or income. At full operational capacity, the center will be able to serve over 4,800 residents for more than 10,000 visits on an annual basis.

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

The project's target population are low-income, uninsured, and under-insured residents of North Pinellas and South Pasco counties. CHCP will be offering dental care for adults and children regardless of the insurance status or income. At full operational capacity, the center will be able to serve over 4,800 residents for more than 10,000 visits on an annual basis.

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

The project will positively impact the economic activity by more than \$1.2 million on annual basis at full operational capacity and create 12 new full-time jobs including dentists, dental assistants, and patient support specialists. The main benefit of the proposed project is providing citizens of North Pinellas and South Pasco counties with the reliable source of affordable dental care. The timely access to oral health services will reduce school and work absenteeism and improve the overall health status of the area residents. CHCP will monitor all program outcomes, including a number of patients served, type and volume of provided services with the help of Nationally Certified Electronic Health Records system and following the standards of Uniform Data System reporting.

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 in the contract?

None.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Community Health Centers of Pinellas will be the owner of the facility.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc.
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify)

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