



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1584

1. **Title of Project:** St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Chronic Complex Clinic

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Chronic-Complex Clinic (CCC) seeks to continue offering a wide range of services necessary to meet the varied needs of the patients served by our patient-centered medical home. By keeping this population healthy and out of the hospital (95% of the CCC children are covered by Medicaid due to their medical complexities), the CCC is significantly reducing state Medicaid costs. Specifically, the CCC has helped our patients avoid 330 ER visits in 2017, the financial benefit of which has accrued directly to the state. If not managed well, this population can be a large contributor to Medicaid expenditures. With the advancement of medicine and neonatal care, significantly more premature and medically complex newborns are surviving. These vulnerable children need the appropriate care to transition from neonatal intensive care units to home with their families.

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	1,125,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,125,000

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)	1,125,000	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	1,125,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,098,000	524	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,000,000

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

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	Salaries and benefits for operations of clinic and providing medical and psychosocial care to patients.	447,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Support for EMR maintenance, office supplies, other supplies, staff education, and training/travel.	26,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Services for Neurodevelopmental Pediatric sub-specialist and continuation of Applied Behavioral Analyst (ABA) therapies for patients. Also included here are funds to support physician services for adult primary care and physician admin time.	652,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,125,000

11. Program Performance:

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

St. Joseph's Children's Hospital (SJCH) is designed to meet the unique needs of children and their families by providing high-tech pediatric health care in a family-centered environment. SJCH houses the Chronic-Complex Clinic (CCC), the only medical home in the state for children with multiple life-threatening medical conditions. Through a comprehensive primary care approach, the CCC addresses the special health care needs of approximately 600 pediatric patients with complex medical needs.

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

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

Financial support will allow the CCC to continue providing uninterrupted clinical and psychosocial services as well as the ability to continue adding new medically complex children into the practice. In addition, the CCC will be allowed the opportunity to continue developmental/behavioral and mental health services to patients, which have shown further enhancements in the already comprehensive care medical home model.

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

The CCC will serve persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, the developmentally disabled, the physically disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, and university/college students. Approximately 600 pediatric patients with complex medical needs will be served.

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

This project seeks to improve physical health by: (i) decreasing ER visits and inpatient hospital days; and (ii) improving health status of pediatric patients enough to be managed by community pediatricians. We will examine the number of ER visits and number of inpatient days, as well as the number of pediatric patients healthy enough to transition to a community pediatrician. This project also seeks to increase access to behavioral/mental health and therapies as well as to increase access to multiple services for CCC patients.

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?

We have worked collaboratively with CMS in past years to ensure this project returned value to the state. We will continue to work with CMS on any penalties, including additional penalties if needed, to ensure deliverables are met.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
- b. **County:** Hillsborough
- c. **Organization Type:**



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- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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