



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1634

**1. Title of Project:** HIV/AIDS Research at Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR)

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Lauren Book

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/15/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The objective of the state funding initiative is to support and enhance high quality HIV/AIDS research through pilot grant funds leading to a cure for HIV/AIDS and AIDS vaccine-developments in response to the health needs of Florida's citizens. One of our State pilot awardees , Dr Desrosiers, just published on a strategy that leads to an AIDS cure. This scientific accomplishment was supported with State of Florida funding and is an important step towards ending the AIDS epidemic.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**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)	1,000,000	12.04%
Federal	6,703,605	80.73%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	250,000	3.01%
Local	250,000	3.01%
Other	100,000	1.20%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>8,303,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,000,000	475	No

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

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

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Research unit operational staff including lab manager, study coordinators, and other support staff salary and benefits.	307,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	HIV Cure laboratory supplies, chemicals, and equipment. Operating costs for clinical research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital.	271,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds awarded as pilot grants and HIV Cure Research Symposium.	422,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

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

Support innovative research leading to a cure for HIV/AIDS and AIDS vaccine developments. State funds will be spent on pilot grant projects to allow researchers to develop innovative lines of research and be more competitive for federal grants and support of the research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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

Funding supports a research Unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital which facilitates inclusion of underrepresented individuals in clinical research studies that provide access to cutting edge therapies.

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

HIV/AIDS infected population in Florida. Over 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Improved health care outcomes, access to novel medications, and increased support for patients enrolled in clinical studies. Increased participation of minorities in clinical research studies and increase access to cutting-



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edge treatments. An increase in federal grant funding as pilot grants allow researchers to develop innovative lines of research and be more competitive for Federal grants. Currently, for every dollar in State Pilot funding allocated, we are receiving 12 dollars in Federal funding. This is a significant return on investment. State funds also drive innovative and high quality HIV/AIDS research projects aimed at developing a cure for HIV/AIDS as well as an AIDS vaccine-development in response to the health needs of Florida's citizens.

**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?**

Subject to the penalties put forth by the Florida Department of Health.

**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

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  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
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