



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1321

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Poison Information Center Network(FPICN) is comprised of three networked poison control centers serving all Floridians, lay public and health care professionals, 24/7 with critical lifesaving medical triage and treatment recommendations from specialty trained health care professionals, and a network data center that maintains the infrastructure and expertise to support the Center's patient care electronic medical record system, real-time data collection, collation, analysis and upload to facilitate the critical public health surveillance needs of the Poison Center operations staff, various State of Florida governmental entities and agencies within the Florida Department of Health.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	700,000	10%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	5,966,497	79%
Local	850,000	11%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>7,516,497</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	5,966,497	0	530	No

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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$309,000 for added work load and responsibilities associated with the documented increase in poisoning exposures due to Covid19. This includes, but was not limited to, community outreach with prevention strategies, tracking additional call volume and managing poisonings due to Covid19 such as, misuse of cleaning products, disinfectants & over.

#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Data Center Director	161,250
Other Salary and Benefits	Enable FPICN to remain competitive with market salary for health professionals, facilitating retention, and replacement of existing highly trained and nationally certified staff to comply with accreditation criteria and escalating DOH/State of Florida requests.	350,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Data Center to accomplish all the cybersecurity goals, including but not limited to, ensuring current & future cybersecurity needs of the FPICN data center to proactively protect data systems from natural/man made threats that would prevent unfettered, real time surveillance recognition & mitigation activities for the state. Maintain mandated operational capabilities, including surge readiness, critical systems, contractors & vendors to meet escalating complexity and demands for real-time surv.	88,750
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Enable FPICN to maintain normal operational capabilities and surge readiness when facing escalating operational costs for infrastructure, vendors, contracts, capital equipment, and materials.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>700,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Meet current and future cybersecurity needs of the FPICN Data Center to proactively protect FPICN data systems from natural/man made threats that would prevent unfettered, real-time surveillance recognition and mitigation activities for the State. It is imperative that FPICN be capable of successfully resisting cyber-intrusion attempts, disruption, or malicious destruction of its patient care database, public health analysis capabilities, surveillance resources, and real-time reporting to DOH and national systems. real-time surveillance, data collation, analysis and reporting in response to existing and new public health threats. N/A is not considered a valid response.

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

Allow FPICN Data Center to operate without drawing on FPICN PCC patient care funding to exist; compounding PCC financial concerns. Allow FPICN Data Center to maintain mandated operational capabilities, including surge readiness, operational staff, critical systems, contractors and vendors to meet the escalating complexity and demand for real-time surveillance, data collection, analysis & reporting in response to new public health threats.

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



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Floridians will continue to have 24/7 access to certified and reliable health care professionals in their time of need relating to any poisoning or questions about poisons. This immediate expert care has been documented to save lives, time and healthcare resources. It will allow FPICN to maintain normal operational capabilities and surge readiness during increased public health crisis threatening all Floridians such as: Covid19, Red Tide/Blue Green Algae, Zika, flu, other viral health threats.

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

ALL FLORIDIANS

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

Reduced emergency department visits due to reliable care and triage from FPICN. Documented research showing that 50% of Floridians would go to the E.R. if they believed they had been exposed to a poison and had no trusted number to call. Using this methodology and our total number of exposures would quickly show that having an available poison center significantly reduces health care costs, and demonstrates that the total funding of a poison control program is a fraction of the healthcare costs savings.

**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?**

For over 25 years, Florida's Poison Control Centers have met or exceeded its deliverables.

**13. 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.**

N/A



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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)

d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address   
f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number