



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2096

1. Project Title Improving Access to Pediatric Residency and Fellowship Graduate Medical Education Programs in Florida

2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess

3. Date of Request 03/18/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will support Graduate Medical Education for residents training to support the pediatric population in Florida at Nemours Children's Hospital (NCH). The State of Florida investing in a residency program at Nemours Children's Hospital allows Nemours the ability to have a fellowship. The fellowship would help address the shortage of pediatric subspecialty medical providers in Florida. By 2025, the State estimates there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialties. The ultimate goal is to serve Florida's growing pediatric population, and ensure their families do not leave Florida because the unique care their child needed was not offered.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	457,920
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	457,920

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)	457,920	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	724,114	61%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,182,034	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 457,920

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

n/a

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



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Yes

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

Nemours Children's Health System's Florida operations was fortunate to receive approximately \$18 million in CARES relief funding. That funding was utilized to help offset a 15% reduction in patient revenues that resulted in a -24.1% net operating margin for FY 2020.

11. 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	Direct costs include salaries and benefits and the overhead costs of practice for the resident physicians, such as licensing fees and medical liability insurance.	305,280
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Clinical facility expenses, such as utilities and maintenance, and administrative costs, expenses related to the educational modalities, including high fidelity simulation, required for expert training.	152,640
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)		457,920

12. Program Performance

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

The State of Florida investing in a residency program at Nemours Children's Hospital allows Nemours the ability to have a fellowship. The fellowship would help address the shortage of pediatric subspecialty medical providers in Florida. By 2025, the State estimates there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialties. The ultimate goal is to serve Florida's growing pediatric population, and ensure their families do not leave Florida because the unique care their child needed was not offered.

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

The funds will support Graduate Medical Education for residents training to support the pediatric population in Florida. The pediatric population of Florida is growing rapidly and the state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Shortages are already impacting Florida families. Nemours' Community Health Needs Assessment shows 37% of families in Central Florida experienced some difficulties/delays in accessing care for a child. When families cannot access specialty care, manageable health conditions may become a greater threat to a child's health and more expensive to treatment.

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



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1. Improve physical health - The pediatric population of Florida is growing rapidly and the state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Shortages are already impacting Florida families. Nemours' Community Health Needs Assessment shows 37% of families in Central Florida experienced some difficulties/delays in accessing care for a child.

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2. Increase or improve economic activity - According to a Stateline analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis data, Orlando's population has grown 51 percent since 2000, nearly three times the national average. Although it is among the fastest growing metropolitan areas, it has one of the lowest growth in per capita personal income. By increasing opportunities for graduate medical education, Nemours would contribute to Orlando's goal of job diversification.

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

Twelve residents will be served by this funding. The 12 residents are training to serve the following target populations or groups: children in need of behavioral health, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, drug users (in health services), preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university and college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, victims of crime.

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

1. Improve physical health - Studies show that almost 60% of medical students that received their graduate medical education in Florida stayed in the state after graduation. Investing in a Florida-based residency and fellowship programs at Nemours Children's Hospital, will help to address the shortage of pediatric medical providers in Florida. Florida based training programs will lead to more providers in Florida and fewer families leaving the state to access expert pediatric care.

2. Increase or improve economic activity -Studies show more than 1/2 of medical trainees (residents and fellows) practice medicine within 100 miles of where they completed their final year of training. Investing in quality pediatric residency and training programs in Central Florida will provide a pipeline for pediatricians and specialists to continue to enter the market. 78.2% of medical students remain in the state if they complete both their undergraduate and graduate medical education in the state of FL

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?

If the funds are allocated and not used for a Graduate Medical Education Program in Fiscal Year 2020, the funds must be returned to AHCA.

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