



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1147

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Center for Nursing was established by the Florida Legislature to address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. The Center conducts surveys related to nursing workforce and engages with stakeholders in the healthcare industry to create action related to the aforementioned purpose.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	800,000	444	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.

With our large nursing population in Florida, It is possible to use a small percentage of the nursing licensure fees to support this as a recurring funding source. There is precedent for this in another state.

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	This will pay for the salary of the Executive Director.	120,000
Other Salary and Benefits	This includes health insurance and payroll taxes for the Administrative Assistant.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Center is required to convene meetings and to be represented at meetings. Equipment such as laptop computers and related materials such as printed reports, letters etc are required.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subject matter experts or other consultants as well as web support is needed to execute the deliverables and make them available to the public.	50,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	We contract with the doctoral level researchers, support staff, outside vendors such as website management, and a consultant to execute surveys of Florida employers (for demand data) , educational institutions (supply data) and also researchers to analyze the data from the Florida Board of Nursing to help establish nursing supply and to make projections into the future. This is critical considering the impact of COVID-19 on the workplace. We also are mandated to formulate recognition activities.	530,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	N/A	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Florida Center for Nursing was directed by the Florida legislature in FS464.0195 and FS464.0196 as follows:

Survey nursing employers regarding nursing workforce issues and submit a report by a designated date.
 Survey educational institutions regarding issues related to admissions, retention, graduation and other pertinent issues.
 Gather and analyze data regarding the supply and demand issues in nursing.
 Recognize programs of excellence that support a healthy work environment to retain nurses.
 Convene stakeholders to collaborate on solutions to the projected nursing shortage. (Including the impact of COVID-19 on the nursing shortage.

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

Contracting with experts, researchers, data analysts and professionals who can formulate surveys, analyze data and create reports that outline the current status and make projections of future need in order to enable a safe care environment for Florida's Citizens. Create a reporting mechanism to inform stakeholders regarding the status of the current nursing workforce in Florida.

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



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Access to current information and data regarding nursing workforce in Florida by way of a state of the art website with downloadable forms, strategies to address issues surrounding nursing workforce supply and demand. Information that can be used for planning and supporting various initiatives in the realm of healthcare including institutions, employers, healthcare providers, associated businesses (e.g. insurance).
Opportunities for leaders to convene to seek solutions to workforce problems such as the nursing shortage,.

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

Legislators and other policy makers, the healthcare industry, which includes, healthcare institutions, healthcare leaders educational institutions, educators, current students, and potential nursing students. It is also open to the public who can benefit by the information as partners and stakeholders in a healthy nursing workforce.

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

The expected benefit is to have the information needed to address the projected shortfall in the nursing workforce which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. One way the outcome is measured is by the collection and reporting on the data which is available to leaders and stakeholders who can address the magnitude of the problem. The Center also creates a Strategic Plan which is one of the major deliverables that offers solutions to the issues reported by The Center..

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?

The current penalties are sufficient. The ultimate penalty is to reward the contract to a different entity, however there should be opportunity for correction and appeal particularly in the case of unusual or extenuating circumstances such as COVID-19 or other emergencies or disasters.

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.

Owners:
Barnes, Ferland and Associates, inc.
1230 Hillcrest Suite 100
Orlando FL 32803

They are the landlords of the property.



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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) Non profit Association 501c6

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