



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1151

1. Project Title Tampa General Hospital - Global Emerging Diseases Institute

2. Senate Sponsor Ed Hooper

3. Date of Request 10/26/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The initial COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Delta variant has highlighted the need to respond quickly to infectious pathogens. Tampa General Hospital's (TGH) new Global Emerging Diseases Institute (GEDI), in partnership with USF Health, has been at the forefront of research for the virus and has responded quickly to changes in the pandemic. Funds will contribute to the unique concept of a 'hospital-within-a-hospital', with 28 dedicated inpatient infectious disease beds that have universal ICU and med-surge capabilities and surge capacity up to 90 beds. The project also incorporates outpatient infectious disease services into GEDI, including a monoclonal antibody infusion clinic, and clinics for COVID-19 long-haulers, HIV, and other infectious disease conditions including Sepsis. This unique concept will house the treatment of patients with infectious diseases with the related research and education all under "one roof."

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Health

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	10,000,000

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)	10,000,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000,000	33%
Other	10,000,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	30,000,000	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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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.

Yes - GEDI has received \$4.5M from the CARES Act from Hillsborough County. These funds were used to stand up the temporary GEDI facility for the immediate need for additional beds and space for COVID-19 patients. In total, TGH has received \$51.6M in CARES Act funding to help mitigate the total losses of -\$144M from March 2020 through January 2021 which was incurred as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1. Inpatient COVID/Infectious Disease beds (28) and surge space during a Public Health Emergency (up to 90 beds). 2. Collaborative education, pharmacy, research and support space. 3. An outpatient infectious disease clinic, infusion bays, research, lab and travel medicine space.	10,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		10,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

These dollars are non-recurring capital expenditures associated with renovating the 1982 building and constructing dedicated ID inpatient units, education area, accommodations for the slew of ongoing USF ID research studies, pharmacy, lab, infusion center, telemedicine space, travel medicine and an outpatient ID clinic. Construction costs for the top two floors will upgrade the space into private, universal inpatient beds. It also includes building infrastructure and electrical updates within the GEDI. Additionally, the request includes clinical engineering and IT equipment throughout the building.

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

These funds will allow TGH to develop a permanent Global Emerging Diseases Institute (GEDI) on its campus which will provide infectious disease treatment, research and education to citizens in Hillsborough County, the Tampa Bay region, and the entire state of Florida.

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

Since the temporary GEDI space was opened on October 27, 2020, 3,300 patients have been treated and discharged for a COVID-19 related admission. These requested funds will allow GEDI to expand outpatient care to include Sepsis follow-up care, HIV services, testing and treatment for COVID long-haulers and infusion services. It will also include cutting edge research and clinical trials.

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



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According to public claims data, in Hillsborough County alone there are over 20,000 infectious disease outpatient follow-up visits annually. Since the capability to see infectious disease patients in an outpatient setting does not currently exist at Tampa General or other health systems in the region, that burden is transferred to the Department of Health and private providers. In addition to the local benefit, GEDI will serve as a support structure for all Floridians affected by infectious diseases as no such center exists in the state today.

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

A cornerstone of GEDI will be the treatment of COVID long-haulers, an ailment that is estimated to affect anywhere from 5% to 7% that contract the virus. After acute infection, symptoms of the virus persist for weeks or months, and include shortness of breath, fatigue, brain fog, depression and more. Sepsis, also an infectious disease, is the leading cause of death in hospitals around the nation and will be at the forefront of GEDI efforts, post pandemic. Leading disease states as the most expensive condition to treat, sepsis contributes \$38.2 billion in healthcare costs annually and \$6.7 billion in Medicaid alone.

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?

Return of funds to the administering agency.

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.

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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