



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2531

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Keiser University - Nursing Shortage: Increasing the Talent Workforce Supply Through Simulation, Faculty, and Technological Response is an appropriations project funding an advanced simulation lab and telehealth-focused technology providing Florida students the ability to train in conditions that simulate the position they will assume upon graduation, increasing quality of education and retention for the employer.

Funding for this program would include advanced simulation laboratory construction costs, hardware/telehealth equipment and training; project director and supporting salaries; an economic impact study, and tuition assistance for students pursuing initial credential or advance practice certification.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,050,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>

**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)	1,200,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**



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

Yes

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

As of August 2021, Keiser University has been awarded \$143,687,905 in collective federal relief funds following the global COVID-19 pandemic. These include student, institutional, and minority serving funds.

**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	Project & Simulation Director	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Support staff/faculty	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	A) TUTION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS \$400,000 B) Simulation/telehealth laboratory equipment, software, and training, \$400,000	800,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Third party accountability/impact study \$50,000	50,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Comprehensive simulation/telehealth education laboratory construction \$150,000	150,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,200,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The shortage of Florida nurses is acute and requires immediate attention. Keiser University, as one of the top producer of nurses in Florida, has identified significant obstacles in meeting this critical shortage. We will increase the number of nurses who graduate and provide a path for other nurses to return to the profession by leveraging technology, virtual and on-ground simulation labs, and telehealth curricula, thus increasing the supply of nurses and skilled faculty who serve Floridians.

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

To increase the number of nurses in Florida, the advanced simulated lab training and telehealth services provided through this curriculum at Keiser University will help ensure Florida nurses and Keiser University students are provided access to educational resources and qualified faculty in real-time.

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

This initiative should increase the production of nurses to meet the pressing need for nursing care in several parts of Florida and rural communities.

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



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Between 400-800 served. Including: Elderly persons; Persons with poor mental health; Persons with poor physical health; Jobless persons; 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/College students; Currently or formerly incarcerated persons; Drug offenders (in criminal Justice); Victims of crime; First responders; and some rural communities in Florida.

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

Simulation labs, which provide clinical rotations, have become a rapidly growing form of technology to meet healthcare needs. Online platforms have also contributed to the rise of qualified faculty and nursing graduates. Leveraging technology, along with hospital-based clinicals / 'hybrid models', have resulted in a higher-level of access to nursing education and increased graduates. After two years of completing their nursing degree at Keiser University track the number of nursing graduates who pass the NCLEX exam.

**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?**

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply, unless DOE determines that extenuating circumstances exist, shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan.

**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