



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2648

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

On November 4, 2021 the Legislative Budget Commission authorized a temporary, nonrecurring rate increase to Florida Medicaid nursing homes due to occupancy declines and a tight labor market with increasing wages and a shortage of staff resources. Some nursing homes throughout the state will not receive any assistance from the rate increase, even though these facilities are also experiencing the same financial challenges. This request provides additional funding to those nursing homes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,827,154
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,827,154</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)	1,827,154	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>1,827,154</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.

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

No



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

Nursing homes received additional federal support to address COVID related funding issues.

**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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	This funding will help assist with the challenges nursing homes are facing related to a tight labor market with increasing wages and a shortage of staff resources.	1,827,154
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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>1,827,154</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

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

The funding will be used to support nursing homes who provide Medicaid services.

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

Nursing home services

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

Elderly persons, economically disadvantaged persons, persons with poor physical health, physically disabled; approximately 401-800 individuals will be served.

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



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Benefit: Improve physical health

Methodology: Continued access to nursing homes services by Medicaid recipients

Specific measure of the benefit: The backbone of long-term care are nursing staff that provide direct care and assist with activities of daily living. Because of the inadequacies of Medicaid reimbursement, providers are having difficulties hiring and retaining the necessary staff. Funding drives staffing and staffing leads to quality. Without it, there will be a threat to access of care in Florida.

**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?**

All nursing homes who will be eligible for the funding are licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration. The Agency completes on site surveys and may impose penalties for noncompliance with state licensure and federal certification requirements.

**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) Both for profit and not for profit nursing

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