



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1346

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center is dedicated to addressing healthcare disparities in underserved populations by providing accessible, high-quality services. This project will expand services to include onsite radiology, comprehensive primary care, chronic disease management, preventive health screenings, and mental health support. Additionally, life skills training and partnerships with community organizations will empower individuals to overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency. By addressing social determinants of health and reducing reliance on emergency services, this program will enhance health outcomes, promote equity, and foster long-term community wellness.

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

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	455,200
Fixed Capital Outlay	44,800
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	77%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	23%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000		No

9. **Is future-year 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.**



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Future-year funding is likely to be requested to sustain and expand the services provided by this project as community needs evolve. While state funding is critical to initiating and supporting these efforts, additional sources of funding may include federal grants, private foundations, community partnerships, patient billing revenues, and philanthropic contributions. These diverse sources will help ensure the long-term sustainability and growth of the program.

## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2025

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Operations will be supported through patient service fees. With a sliding fee in place, we will bill for radiology services, ensuring sustainability and continued access to care.

### 11. List 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.

There are no individual owners receiving any fixed capital outlay funding for the organization. The facility is overseen by Board of Directors, ensuring governance and strategic direction. The CEO is responsible for direct oversight of operations in collaboration with the accountant to ensure financial accountability and sustainability.

### 12. 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	Enabling effective leadership and oversight of program operations, budget management, and staff coordination. This role is vital for ensuring project deliverables are met, maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations, fostering community partnerships, and driving the strategic vision to expand access to care and improve health outcomes for underserved	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Practice Manager- oversee daily operations, ensuring smooth clinic workflows, staff coordination, and patient satisfaction. healthcare regulations, implement policies, and optimize resources to enhance service. Radiology technician and Accountant- manage financial operations, including budgeting, payroll, and reporting, ensuring transparency and adherence to financial	120,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies, Insurance, and property costs	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		



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Salary and Benefits	Salaries used for program staff to provide primary care, chronic disease management and education, life skills and goal setting and achievement. Staff includes licensed physician, APRN, Medical assistant and care coordinator.	156,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medical supplies and equipment	19,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The requested funds will be used specifically for the renovation and retrofitting of an existing office space to create a radiology area. While we currently have the radiology equipment, the designated room requires significant modifications to meet regulatory and safety codes for onsite radiology services	44,800
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

The funds will enable the Estella Byrd Whitman Community Health Center to expand access to quality healthcare services, including primary care, chronic disease management, preventive screenings, and mental health support. By creating a dedicated radiology area, addressing healthcare disparities, and fostering community wellness through education and partnerships, we aim to improve health outcomes and ensure equitable, sustainable access to care for underserved populations.

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

The funds will support activities and services aimed at enhancing community health, including:

- Primary Care Services: Comprehensive adult and pediatric care.
- Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes, hypertension, and other long-term conditions.
- Preventive Screenings: Cancer, mental health, and substance use disorder screenings.
- Radiology Services: Onsite diagnostic imaging to improve access and reduce barriers.
- Life Skills Training: Budgeting, job readiness, and employability skills to foster self-sufficiency.
- Community Partnerships: Collaboration to address social determinants of health and reduce emergency room overuse.

These services will provide integrated, accessible care to underserved populations, improving health outcomes and promoting long-term community wellness.

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

The appropriation project will provide impactful services to address critical community needs, including:

- Comprehensive Primary Care: Accessible healthcare for adults and children.
- Chronic Disease Support: Management and education for diabetes, hypertension, and similar conditions.
- Preventive Health Services: Cancer screenings, mental health evaluations, and substance use interventions.
- Onsite Radiology: Diagnostic imaging to improve access and reduce delays in care.
- Life Skills Development: Training in budgeting, job readiness, and employability to foster economic independence.
- Resource Navigation: Connections to community partners addressing housing, food security, and transportation barriers.

These targeted services will improve health outcomes, reduce disparities, and promote self-sufficiency for underserved populations, ensuring the greatest return on investment for the community.

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

The target population for this project includes underserved and high-risk individuals in Marion County, particularly those facing barriers to healthcare due to socioeconomic challenges, limited access to services, or chronic health conditions. This includes adults, children, and families from diverse backgrounds who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise marginalized.

The project is expected to serve approximately 1,500 unique individuals annually, providing critical healthcare services and support to improve health outcomes and foster community wellness.

#### 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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Expected benefits include improved access to healthcare, enhanced management of chronic conditions, and reduced reliance on emergency rooms for non-emergency care. Key outcomes include Improved Health Metrics: Increased percentage of patients with controlled HbA1c (<9%) and blood pressure (<140/90), and higher cancer screening rates for early intervention. Reduced Healthcare Costs: Fewer non-emergency visits to ERs, saving costs and alleviating system strain. Increased Self-Sufficiency: Enhanced employability and life skills leading to economic independence. Methodology for Measurement: Establish baselines for health indicators (e.g., HbA1c, blood pressure, cancer screenings). Track patient data, screenings, and medical encounters using the electronic health record system. Monitor patient outcomes from life skills and employability training through pre/post-assessments and employment records. Evaluate ER utilization rates to assess reduced recidivism.

**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 in the contract?**

Suggested actions for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures may include:

Corrective Action Plan: Develop and implement a plan to address deficiencies within a specified timeframe.

Increased Monitoring: Additional oversight to support progress toward meeting goals.

Funding Adjustments: Adjustments to funding proportional to unmet deliverables, if necessary.

These measures aim to ensure accountability while supporting the organization in achieving its objectives.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. 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**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*