



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2427

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will support PHSC's ongoing initiative and statewide efforts to address the nursing and allied health workforce shortage through the Institute for Nursing and Allied Health Advancement ("Institute"). Utilizing existing facilities, the Institute will focus on developing alliance agreements to strengthen the workforce pipeline, implementing strategies to recruit and retain faculty in these critical fields, and establishing partnership agreements with private sector healthcare providers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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 2025-2026	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,500,000	128	No

9. Is future-year 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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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director for the Institute for Nursing and Allied Health Advancement. Serve as the senior leadership in ensuring the objectives and mission are met.	200,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Faculty and non-faculty trainers, Workforce Development, marketing and support staff: This team, in collaboration with existing staff and external partners, will carry out the functions in support of senior leadership.	600,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing materials and production, office supplies, and travel expenses.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Outside consultant in support service such as institutional effectiveness of partners, marketing strategies, and training development.	500,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Through collaboration with stakeholders, strategies will be developed to recruit and retain highly qualified nursing and allied health faculty, leading to an increased number of graduates from these programs. These graduates will fill critical job openings in health institutions, improving the physical health and well-being of patients by enhancing the quality and timeliness of care.

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

The funding will enable more students to enroll in nursing and allied health programs, resulting in a greater number of qualified graduates. This will help address workforce shortages, leading to improved patient care. Health institutions will experience reduced response times, shorter ER wait times, and more timely attention to patients' needs during admissions.

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

The direct services will be provided through a reduction in the number of overworked healthcare employees, as more qualified graduates fill open nursing and allied health positions. This will improve the physical and mental well-being of healthcare workers while enhancing the quality of care and outcomes for patients.

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

The target population to be served by the project include the following: high school students, university/college students, elderly person, persons with poor mental or physical health, jobless person, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youths, developmentally and physically disabled persons, drug users in the health services, and all nursing and allied health faculty. We estimate the number of individuals to be served by this program to be greater than 800.

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

With highly qualified faculty for the nursing and allied health programs within the state college programs, it facilitates the increase of students it can educate in these fields. The will be measured by the number of students filling much needed positions at the Health institutions. The income of the faculty and students finding employment will filter to the community. It will also be measured by the number of faculty positions being filled, the number of students graduating from the nursing and allied health programs finding employment.

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?

College funding will be reduced if student retention rates are not maintained and if students fail to complete the educational program within the expected timeframe. However, a strategic plan for program delivery will address these challenges by implementing measures to improve success rates, such as recruiting and retaining highly qualified faculty. These efforts are expected to enhance student graduation rates and increase the overall number of program graduates.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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



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- 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
- 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)



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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.