



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2992

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Ground-breaking research studies conducted by Andrews Research & Education Foundation ("Andrews Research") at the Andrews Institute are pioneering the orthopedic application of cellular and biologic technologies to develop regenerative medicine as a treatment in musculoskeletal disease. By advancing medicine through research, Andrews Institute will continue as an industry leader in biomedical science throughout the State of Florida and the U.S. Under the leadership of world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, Dr. James Andrews, Andrews Research is on the cutting-edge of innovation. Our research attracts the highest level of talent and acts as an economic engine to our region.

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	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	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	3,000,000	100%

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		
2024-25	0	3,000,000	455	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.

N/A



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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	A portion of multiple top-level Andrews Research leadership positions' salaries & benefits	210,851
Other Salary and Benefits	A portion of multiple Andrews Research administrative support positions' salaries & benefits	185,436
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office equipment, supplies, operating expenses and other administrative expenses to support Andrews Research	246,596
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	A portion of multiple Andrews Research research team members' salaries & benefits	1,167,447
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medical supplies and equipment for clinical research studies and laboratories, study patient visit and treatment expenses, and training & education (including conference travel) for Andrews Research team members.	618,435
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Top-tier research consultants to share knowledge on highly specialized topics with the Andrews Research team to aid in conducting ground breaking research studies and providing the highest level of care for patients.	571,235
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Our goal is to lead the nation in regenerative orthopedic research and development, while educating citizens on injury prevention and treatment. We are committed to making a transformative impact in Florida by developing innovative rehabilitation techniques that accelerate healing, reduce opioid use, and increase access to treatment. Ultimately, we strive to provide solutions for previously untreatable injuries and diseases, enhancing the quality of life for all.

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

Andrews Research will complete clinical research investigations to address unmet clinical needs of the Florida citizens to investigate the efficacy and safety of orthopedic interventions, to investigate alternative treatment methods, and to educate the people of Florida on additional options for treatment and prevention of orthopedic injuries.

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

The project will offer Floridians access to cutting-edge therapies, innovative devices, joint regeneration treatments, diagnostic services, personalized treatment plans, rehabilitation programs, and educational events, ensuring they benefit from the latest advancements in orthopedic care.

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

This project targets a diverse group of patients, with around 200 individuals expected to benefit from alternative care treatments. Additionally, research publications will help other medical professionals adopt new techniques for improved care and outcomes. The general public will also benefit by having access to the best orthopedic care available.

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

The project aims to provide Floridians with innovative orthopedic interventions that alleviate conditions, reduce opioid usage, and enhance quality of life. Clinical trials will measure the safety and efficacy of these treatments. Research findings will be shared with the public to ensure access to the latest knowledge and interventions for optimal health.

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?

If deliverables or performance measures are not met, suggested penalties would be a % decrease in final payment.

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
- No
- No, but intends to apply

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



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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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.