



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3481

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To REVERT AND REAPPROPRIATE \$4,800,000 approved in the 2024 budget (line 455) mobile stroke units at UF Health (HF 3728 and SF 2735) which provides for operation of mobile stroke units in Gainesville, operation and construction of mobile stroke units in Jacksonville and the villages. The mobile stroke unit is a highly specialized ambulance staffed by stroke specialty nurses, CT tech for on truck imaging, and a stroke neurologist (virtually) to bring ER level stroke care into the field to diagnose and begin stroke treatment. This time saves brain cells (each min. is 2 million brain cells saved) and leads to improved outcomes post-stroke. This truck provides support to the county and supports adjacent counties. We are deploying 2 more trucks in the Villages community (Sumter, Lake, Mario), and Jacksonville (Duval) . The Gainesville and spanish plains unit will operate 7 days a week for 12 hours a day and the Jacksonville one will operate 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.

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	4,850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	4,850,000

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)	4,850,000	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	4,850,000	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	10,000,000	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.

Hospital funding as there is minimal reimbursement through insurance



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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	Statewide system leader for this program across UF Health and executive leader	180,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Community outreach work.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	insurance, and supplies and international stroke conference	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	EMS partner agency staff (EMT plus a paramedic/driver), stroke nurse, CT Tech, and Stroke Neurologists' time. CT Tech Staffing 7.8 FTE, RN Staffing	3,200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medication on board, imaging equipment servicing, lab equipment, telemedicine equipment, and fuel for the truck.	1,400,000
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)		4,850,000

13. Program Performance

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



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We bought and are working on deploying 2 more mobile stroke treatment unit ambulances with specialized equipment and teams to improve health outcomes for patients that suffer a stroke. Patients that receive stroke treatment more quickly will suffer less long term disability. The funds specifically related to building the units are encumbered. The Gainesville unit is operational with great results. The Jacksonville will be operational in May and the Spanish Plains unit end of June. Time is brain and these units reduce the time in which people receive care following a stroke.

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

The mobile stroke program brings a specialized neuro emergency department out in to the field upon the 911 dispatch and commences diagnosis and treatment even before the patient is transported to the emergency department.

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

Faster stroke diagnosis and treatment improving health outcomes. We reduce death and disability from strokes and are already experiencing these results.

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

Alachua and surrounding counties, All in the counties of the Villages (Lake and Sumter counties), and Jacksonville (Duval county), . With the ability to serve as a resource to other adjacent counties, there will be service to an even larger area. So far our Gainesville mobile unit has received 1,478 calls.

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

Stroke patients are assigned a modified Rankin scale score upon admission and then at the point of discharge. The modified Rankin score is the standard for measuring the degree of disability or dependence in daily activities one has for those suffering from a stroke. These scores at the point of discharge allows us to see the improvement in a clear way.

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?

Penalties would be not getting funding if we are not achieving the performance measures we set out to achieve. we are currently achieving those measures.

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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