



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1023

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The main objective of the State of Florida funding initiative is to support and enhance quality HIV/AIDS research through a pilot grant program leading to innovative cure research for HIV/AIDS and vaccine-developments in response to the health needs of Florida's citizens. One of our State Pilots is close to a breakthrough in terms of a cure for HIV infection. Further pilot awardees have gone on to secure competitive federal funding that has impacted our understanding of HIV/AIDS and new and emerging infectious diseases based on research supported by the State of Florida funding initiative. These pilot awards represent a significant return on investment for every dollar of State pilot funding, awardees have secured twelve dollars in federal funding. In addition, State funding supports a clinical research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital which allows people living with HIV to participate in clinical studies to develop novel approaches to combating HIV infection.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	11%
Matching Funds		
Federal	8,607,930	84%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	250,000	2%
Local	250,000	2%
Other	100,000	1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	10,207,930	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000		No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

There is no other source of funding that would support the HIV/AIDS research and pilot grant program.



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

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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Research unit operational staff including lab manager, study coordinators, and other support staff salary and benefits	297,774
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	HIV Cure laboratory supplies, chemicals, and equipment. Operating costs for clinical research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital	102,226
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	nds awarded as pilot grants and HIV Cure Research Symposium	600,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. 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?

Support innovative research leading to a cure for HIV/AIDS and AIDS vaccine developments. State funds will be spent on pilot grant projects to allow researchers to develop fruitful lines of research and be more competitive for federal grant funding. The funds also support the research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital, which ensures underrepresented and minority populations are represented in clinical research. This research unit supports over 30 state and federal grants by supplying samples from these important populations.

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

Funding supports a research Unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital which facilitates inclusion of underrepresented individuals in clinical research studies that provide access to cutting edge therapies.

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

The larger HIV/AIDS infected population in Florida are served with a direct impact on over 800 individuals in the Miami-Dade area.

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

Improved health care outcomes, access to novel medications, and increased support for patients enrolled in clinical studies. Increased participation of minorities in clinical research studies and increase access to cutting edge treatments. An increase in federal grant funding as pilot grants allow researchers to develop innovative lines of research and be more competitive for Federal grants. Currently, for every dollar in State Pilot funding allocated, we are receiving 13 dollars in Federal funding. This is a significant return on investment. State funds also drive innovative and high quality HIV/AIDS research projects aimed at developing a cure for HIV/AIDS as well as an AIDS vaccine-development in response to the health needs of Florida's citizens.

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?

Subject to the penalties put forth by the Florida Department of Health.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number