



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1350

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding to continue the Veterans Access Clinic (VAC) at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). The VAC provides outreach and direct patient care services to veterans and their families who are unable to access care through other outlets, at not cost to the patient(s). Direct services include primary care, dental care, vision care, physical and speech therapy, psychological and behavioral health care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	5,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000	451	No

9. Is future 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.

NSU has worked with the federal Veterans Administration and local community veterans organizations to identify other funding sources; however, the state funds that are requested are typically because these patients don't qualify or cannot access those funds.

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



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

NSU received \$17,854,287 from HEERF I, II and III that was for direct student aid; NSU received \$22,089,642 from HEERF I, II and III that was for institutional aid; NSU received \$2,980,489 from HEERF I, II and III as a minority serving institution; NSU received \$194,222 for telehealth; NSU received \$4,410,023 from the CDC to study the long term health effects on persons who contracted COVID.

## 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

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funding will be allocated to the network of clinics operated by Nova Southeastern University, including the Veterans Access Clinic which opened in January 2020, to provide primary and therapeutic care.	5,000,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The goal is to improve physical and mental health of veterans and their families and to increase the clinical skills and knowledge of the healthcare workforce on specific issues facing veterans.

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

Primary Care;  
Dental Care;  
Vision Care;  
Physical and speech therapy; and  
Psychological and Behavioral health care

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

Outreach to veterans and their families and the provision of direct clinical care services at no charge to the patients.

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

Veterans and their families

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

Improved physical health; improved mental health; and improved economic self-sufficiency.

**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?**

Return of funds to the state.

**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**

- ☐ 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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number