



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1052

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP), in collaboration with the Pinellas County Schools (PCS), proposes to establish a collaborative Telehealth Partnership aiming to expand the school health nursing services to include access to primary care and mental/behavioral health services via a School Telehealth Program. The funding will allow CHCP and PCS to outfit up to 20 public schools in the neediest areas of Pinellas County with telehealth equipment. Consequently, school nursing staff will be able to access medical and mental/behavioral health consulting services from the CHCP healthcare providers. The Telehealth services will be used by school nurses to address and improve the health status of school children. Furthermore, it will reduce the rate of school absenteeism for children and unnecessary work absenteeism for parents and assure access to quality medical care for children by eliminating existing logistical barriers.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	500,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of equipment necessary for the provision of Telehealth services in 20 Pinellas County schools, including: telehealth computer station, digital stethoscope, general examination camera, and digital otoscope for each participating school.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

School-based telemedicine aims to improve overall health status of Florida's children, reduce the rate of school absenteeism for children and unnecessary work absenteeism for parents. The utilization of available telemedicine technology allows school nurses to connect with healthcare providers and assure that children are seen for medical or behavioral health issues without having to leave school for an appointment.

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

CHCP will purchase telehealth equipment to furnish up to 20 school-based clinics in Pinellas County and organize dedicated telehealth stations at CHCP locations. The telemedicine gear for a school-based clinic must include components necessary to perform a clinical assessment on a child while concurrently maintaining a live consultation with a healthcare provider at one of CHCP's health centers. The standard telemedicine equipment set that CHCP proposes to acquire will include following: • telehealth computer station; • digital stethoscope, to deliver heart and lung sounds; • general examination camera, to visually evaluate patient; • digital otoscope, to conduct ear, nose and throat examination. The telehealth station at the provider's clinic will include a workstation with a dual-monitor, necessary to effectively conduct the visit. All services will be conducted in a HIPAA compliant manner.

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

The funding will allow CHCP to provide medical and mental/behavioral health consulting services to students at Pinellas County schools.

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

CHCP will purchase equipment necessary for the provision of telehealth services in 20 Pinellas County schools. The target population will include students of public schools with the highest utilization levels of subsidized school lunch program and located in high-distress areas of the county. The services will be offered to all students, regardless of the status of insurance coverage. CHCP expects to serve 600 children for 1,100 medical and behavioral health visits on an annual basis.

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

The project will benefit children and their parents throughout the entire Pinellas County. The timely access to medical and behavioral-health care will reduce school and work absenteeism and improve the overall health status of the area's children. Furthermore, coordination of medical and behavioral-health services within the framework of a Patient Centered Medical Home service delivery model will improve effectiveness of both types of care. CHCP will monitor all program outcomes, including the number of patients served, type and volume of provided services with the help of a Nationally Certified Electronic Health Records system and following the standards of Uniform Data System reporting required by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

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?

Funding adjustment based on deliverables not met.



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12. **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.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.