



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1577

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel (PCTAP or the Panel) is a statutorily mandated advisory panel composed entirely of physicians with expertise in pediatric cardiology and pediatric cardiac surgery within the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA or the Agency). The Panel has collaboratively developed evidence based recommendations for program structure and quality outcomes; they recommend biannual data collection on cardiac surgical and interventional cardiac catheterization outcomes from the existing ten pediatric cardiac surgical centers and any future new centers applying for licensure in Florida. During the 2019-20 legislative session, initiatives were approved for prospective site visits to existing programs or any new programs. All site visit teams are convened by the Secretary of AHCA, with individual site visitor reports reviewed by the PCTAP and advisory recommendations made to the Secretary. Funds are requested to support the activities of the PCTAP.

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="220,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	220,000

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="220000"/>	<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	220,000	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" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="150,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="226"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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		
Other Salary and Benefits	AHCA staff plus support and benefits	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and per diem expenses per Florida rates for physician Panel voting members to attend twice yearly face-to-face meetings and for 3 site visits per year (team=6 physician reviewers).	95,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Statutorily mandated contracts with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) for biannual data harvest and compilation of an annual aggregate Florida data performance report and license to publish STS public reporting document. Annual contract with American College of Cardiology for data reports on interventional cardiac catheterization outcomes from all existing Florida centers.	50,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		220,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The intent of the Panel is to monitor compliance with AHCA quality and safety standards previously developed by the Panel and AHCA staff. This will be done through a combination of biannual performance data collection and an annual aggregate Florida data report by the STS on surgical outcomes; additionally outcomes from cardiac catheterizations at all Florida centers will be done through the American College of Cardiology IMPACT database. Three Florida Centers per year will have site visits conducted by a team of physician experts nominated by the PCTAP and appointed by the Secretary to conduct prospective reviews of outcomes data, deaths and complications, and to share best practice scenarios with each other. Individual site visitor reports will be reviewed by the PCTAP and the reports submitted and an advisory opinion made to the Secretary about any proposed corrective action.

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

Dedicated staff, FTE plus support and benefits are requested to assist the PCTAP in the coordination of data collection, public reporting, site visit logistics, and member concerns. The remainder of the budgeted funds request comprises cost of annual contracts with the STS and the American College of Cardiology; additional funds requested are for travel/per diem cost for the 15 panel members to attend twice yearly face-to-face meetings and for three site visit teams/year composed of 6 physician reviewers.

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

The members of PCTAP agree that regular, recurring compliance site visits to all participating pediatric cardiac surgical programs in Florida are the most important component to ensuring public safety and quality outcomes for the children of Florida and adults with congenital heart disease. The contracts specified in 11.b. provide modern, twenty-first century, statistically vetted and complexity adjusted performance data. The contracts will also provide for public reporting of all center's outcome data in a public friendly report to be posted on the AHCA website; such transparency will provide easy public access to surgical outcomes across the State, thereby enabling parents to make informed choices in selection of centers for treatment of their child.

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

Children of Florida with congenital diseases of the heart, their parents, and adult patients with congenital heart disease. Adults with congenital heart disease are the largest growing population of patients following successful repair or palliation of their often complex cardiac defects. Often adult cardiologists have little to no training in this area, and later surgeries in adult survivors require the surgical skill of a certified pediatric cardiac surgeon in their management.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to ensure the quality and safety of Florida's existing and any future new pediatric cardiac surgical programs. There have been recent concerns publicized in the national news media about varying outcomes of surgeries performed in several centers. In the last 2-3 years, two hospitals in Florida have been found to have substandard rates of performance compared to national aggregate data causing one to close and one to temporarily suspend operations pending redevelopment of their staff. Similar problems have emerged recently at previous venerable institutions in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Given the recent repeal of CON legislation, such safety monitoring becomes imperative as potentially new centers apply for licensure in Florida. Our methodology for preventing similar tragedies is to closely monitor surgical outcomes at our State centers and prospective site visits to ensure compliance with developed standards.

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?

The rules for AHCA have been written and AHCA's comments returned to the Panel. The rules will be revised and any changes made in the near future, followed by public comment and review by the Administrative Procedures Commission. Penalties could range from modification or withdrawal of a program's license to some sort of probationary action as advised by the PCTAP and then confirmed by the Secretary of AHCA.



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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.