



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1617

1. **Title of Project:** Community Health Centers, Inc - Bithlo Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Linda Stewart

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/11/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This funding request is to provide non-recurring funding for the building of a new permanent community health center for the medically underserved community in Bithlo, Orange County. Located at 19108 E. Colonial Dr. in Bithlo, this new health center will provide a range of health services including pediatric and adult primary care, pediatric and adult dental care, behavioral health, pharmacy, laboratory, and enabling services to residents in this impoverished community which is designated as a HRSA Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. To address the major health care needs of the residents and their families in Bithlo, Community Health Centers, Inc., (CHC) respectfully requests \$750,000 for building funds from public appropriations for a \$1.8M structure which will provide for an 8,500 sq. ft. building (\$211 per sq. ft.) that will include medical exam rooms, dental, behavioral health space, pharmacy and laboratory. CHC currently owns the land on which the future site will be built.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Health

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	41.67%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	1,050,000	58.33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,800,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		400,000	463A	Yes

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



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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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Community Health Centers, Inc., (CHC) is requesting partial costs to build an 8,500 sq. ft. community health center in Bithlo. CHC currently owns the land and has the infrastructure in place to support the building. Total costs are estimated at \$1.8 million.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

11. Program Performance:

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

This funding request is to provide non-recurring funding for the building of a new 8,500 sq. ft. community health center for the medically underserved community in Bithlo, Orange County. The goal is to provide over 8,500 primary care visits annually resulting in healthier children and families, a more productive workforce, a reduction in non-urgent emergency department visits, preventable hospitalizations, and provide a long-lasting and positive health impact for generations to come.

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

Affordable and convenient pediatric and adult medical services including primary care, dental care, behavioral health, substance abuse counseling, pharmacy, laboratory, health promotion/education, and enabling services will be provided at this new site. Services are offered to all persons regardless of their ability to pay. A sliding scale discount program is offered to reduce the cost of care for uninsured patients, or can be applied to high insurance deductibles or high co-payments for patients with insurance. The closest hospital to Bithlo is 13 miles away and many residents utilize this hospital's emergency room for their non-urgent, primary care needs. Having a health center within this community will relieve many barriers to care.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Pediatric and adult primary care, pediatric and adult dental care, behavioral health including opioid substance abuse identification and counseling services, pharmacy, laboratory, health promotion/education, and enabling services.



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

Economically disadvantaged and medically vulnerable individuals and the general population. CHC expects to provide care to 3,600 individuals annually, who will generate an estimated 8,500 office visits annually.

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

A. Improve physical health: Improve hemoglobin A1C levels of diabetic patients; decrease % of adults diagnosed with hypertension; and increase % of patients screened for tobacco use & provided intervention. These will be measured & monitored through CHC's Electronic Health Record (EHR). B. Improve mental health: Screen patients for depression, provide plan & referral for depressed patients & other co-morbidities. This will be measured through an evidence based questionnaire for depression & documented in EHR. C. Reduce substance abuse: Screen for substance use/abuse & refer for appropriate treatment. Provide Licensed Clinical Social Worker counseling services to provide prevention & awareness of opioid abuse & reduce recidivism. Measured through the Functional Assessment Rating Scale & stored in EHR. D. Improve dental health: Provide dental sealants for children 6-9 y/o. Measure % of children 6-9 y/o at moderate-high risk of caries who receive a sealant on a 1st permanent molar.

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?

Delay in the build out of the health center which includes much needed medical services for the Bithlo community.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

Community Health Centers, Inc. currently owns the property and is a Non-Profit 501(C)(3) organization.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Community Health Centers, Inc.
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Community Health Centers, Inc.
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)



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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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