



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1926

**1. Title of Project:** Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/23/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

The Pediatric Technical Advisory Panel (Panel) is a new, statutorily mandated professional advisory panel within the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) charged with the development of rules and standards for licensure for the existing 10 pediatric cardiac hospitals in Florida and any new future programs approved under the state's Certificate of Need (CON) process. The Panel is seeking new legislation to establish recurring site visits to all existing pediatric heart programs in Florida to ensure compliance with quality and safety standards set by the Panel. This new legislation will require recurring and non-recurring funds to support the activities of the Panel.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**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)	150,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$150,000



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#### 10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits	AHCA staff support, half-time position and benefits	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and per diem expenses for staff and physician panel voting members to attend future face-to-face meetings and any site visits directed by the Secretary of AHCA	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracts statutorily mandated with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the American College of Cardiology for annual Florida aggregate data reports on surgical and cardiac catheterization outcomes.	25,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The intent of the Panel is to monitor compliance on an every three-year basis with the quality and safety standards developed within AHCA by the Panel. All site visits are at the discretion of the Secretary as well as the appointment of a nominated, qualified physician panel from either in-state or out-of-state to conduct such site visits. The selected panel will perform the requested site visits, compile a summary advisory report, and submit any commendations or deficiencies to the Secretary for his or her consideration. The requested funds will support the activities and travel/per diem costs of the Panel and dedicated AHCA staff support, and annual contract costs for Florida aggregate data reports from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) as directed in prior statute.

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

Dedicated staff support, cost of contracts for Florida aggregate data reports with the STS and ACC, and travel and per diem costs per State of Florida rates for staff and physician voting members to attend future face-to-face meetings of the Panel and site visits as requested by the Secretary of AHCA.

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

The Pediatric Cardiac Technical Advisory Panel feels that regular, recurring compliance site visits to all participating pediatric heart surgery centers in Florida is the most important component to ensuring public



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safety and quality outcomes for the children of Florida with cardiac conditions. The contracts specified in the enabling legislation provide modern, twenty-first century, statistically vetted performance outcome data enabling tracking of surgical outcomes at all of Florida's pediatric cardiac centers. This process further contracts for public reporting of surgical outcomes by the Florida pediatric heart centers providing the citizens of Florida with lay public friendly ratings based on statistically vetted outcomes data. The Panel feels this type of reporting is necessary to address the recent negative publicity in the press regarding prior poor performing programs in West Palm Beach and St. Petersburg, Florida.

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

Children of Florida with congenital and acquired heart conditions and adults with congenital heart disease.

**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 pediatric cardiac surgical centers. Outcomes will be monitored by contracted annual Florida aggregate surgical outcomes reports through the STS and cardiac catheterization outcomes through the ACC IMPACT database as well as recurring compliance site visits to all existing pediatric cardiac surgical centers in Florida.

**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 current rulemaking process is near completion by AHCA and possible penalties are under discussion. Penalties could range from probation with short-term follow up of outliers or loss of licensure for non-compliance programs.

**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.**

AHCA's standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Agency for Health Care Administration
- b. **County:** Leon
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify) State Agency

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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name:** None

**b. Firm Name:** None

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