



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1618

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

4. Project/Program Description

Citrus Health Network is the first Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Florida to receive Institutional Accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Citrus is also the first FQHC to achieve ACGME program accreditation for a Psychiatry Residency Program and for a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program. With a unique program primarily based in an FQHC, Citrus residents and fellows receive a variety of valuable experiences as they treat and interact with patients of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic statuses. Citrus has been approved for a total of 16 psychiatry residency slots and 8 child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship slots. Citrus is the sponsoring institution for the program in affiliation with the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	525,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	525,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	525,000	41%
Matching Funds		
Federal	14,440	1%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	513,244	39%
Local	0	0%
Other	251,613	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,304,297	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	525,000	206	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Citrus Health Network would have to self-fund the cost of salaries and benefits for residents and fellows in the training program utilizing funds that would have otherwise been reinvested to improve access to and quality of health services to underserved populations.



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

 Yes

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

Citrus Health Network received federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a Federally Qualified Health Center and Community Mental Health Center, Citrus has a variety of programs and services ranging from inpatient, residential, crisis stabilization and outpatient care for physical health and mental health conditions. Federal assistance funds were utilized to cover the costs associated with losses of revenue and additional expenses related to the covid19 pandemic specifically related to adult general and internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN and laboratory services, as well as increasing availability for telemedicine services for underserved populations. COVID-19 federal assistance was not available and was not utilized to support costs for the psychiatry residency program or the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship program.
 HRSA CARES Act: FY 19-20: \$1,108,415
 HHS and CFR FY2020-2021 CARES Act: \$668,531.26 (FY19-20); \$422,637.85 (FY20-21)

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	State funds will be utilized to cover the costs of salaries and fringe benefits for residents and fellows.	525,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		525,000

12. Program Performance

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

The requested appropriation will provide funding to cover the costs of salaries and benefits for Citrus Health Network's psychiatry residents and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows. Psychiatry is recognized as a primary care specialty in section 409.909, F.S. While Florida currently ranks 30th in primary care physicians per capita, psychiatry is especially a critical shortage area. In addition to gaining valuable learning experiences, Citrus's psychiatry residents and fellows provide much-needed primary care services to low-income and underserved populations.

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



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Section 409.909, F.S., includes psychiatry among the list of primary care specialties that is experiencing a statewide supply and demand deficit. The requested funds will be used to train residents and fellows in ACGME accredited training programs. Because Citrus' innovative residency and fellowship programs are housed in a Federally Qualified Health Center with ACGME institutional and program accreditation, and not a hospital, Citrus is not eligible for General Appropriations Act (GAA) Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) funding. The additional state appropriation will support the continued operation these innovative medical training programs to recruit and retain qualified psychiatric professionals to the State of Florida.

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

Citrus' psychiatry residents and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows will provide much-needed primary care services to low-income and underserved populations. Residents and fellows will provide services in inpatient settings (including Citrus' Adult and Children's Crisis Stabilization Units), outpatient settings (including the Citrus Assessment and Emergency Services Department and Outpatient Mental Health Program), and in primary care programs (including Citrus's clinic locations).

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

Psychiatry residents and child and adolescent psychiatry fellows at Citrus Health Network will be trained in a community setting that specializes in the treatment of the seriously mentally ill and indigent populations, including the homeless, uninsured, and underinsured. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted people's mental health, making availability of psychiatric services even more crucial. Since the inception of the program, psychiatry residents have served thousands of individuals.

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

Investing in Graduate Medical Education is not only an investment in physicians of the future, but in the future of Florida's health, as more people will have access to quality health care from well-trained, Florida-grown physicians. As per ACGME, to gain and maintain accreditation, residency programs are expected to comply with the Accreditation Standards for their discipline. In addition, institutions sponsoring residency programs are expected to adhere to a set of Institutional Requirements. Compliance with the ACGME's standards is measured through periodic review of all programs. Citrus Health Network has an established Graduate Medical Education Committee that will oversee all graduate medical education activities in accordance with ACGME policies, and has subcommittees including the Clinical Competency Committees, the Program Quality Improvement Committee, and the Scholarly Activity Committee.

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?

Not Applicable

13. 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.

Not Applicable



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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