



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1912

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

4. Project/Program Description

This budget request is to provide support for the Florida Health Equity Research Institute (FL HERI). This request this year gives priority to address COVID-19 and related issues affecting underserved populations in the state. FL HERI was established in 2013 by the Florida Board of Governors to improve health of medically underserved populations. The goals for FL HERI include a) increasing the development of health solutions for underserved populations; b) growing the pool of individuals from unrepresented groups for the health workforce; c) increasing external funding that will improve health and economic development in the state; and d) enhancing recognition of Florida as a leader in improved health outcomes. Since its inception, FL HERI has developed 14 higher education partnerships, reached over 1,000 diverse students, and garnered \$34.3M in competitive research awards.

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	925,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	925,500

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)	925,500	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	925,500	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
>5 years		800,000		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.**

There are no alternative funds available to fund FL Health Equity Research Institute that addresses health disparities statewide through education, research, & community engagement.



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

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

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	Program Coordinator (.5 FTE)	39,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program Directors for FL HERI cores (0.05 FTE)	97,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel (\$5,000) and space rental (\$10,000)	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Pilot research grants with priority given to COVID-19 (8 @ \$50,000); pilot regional cluster projects (2 @ \$37,000); statewide student symposia (4 regional = \$100,000 to expand program statewide annually); statewide student summer research internships (\$150,000); annual statewide health equity summit that will address COVID-19 and related topics (\$50,000).	774,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		925,500

12. Program Performance

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

The overall purposes of this funding are to 1) increase the development of health solutions for medically underserved populations with attention given to COVID-19, and 2) develop the healthcare workforce. Both purposes strategically assist the state of Florida in being a national leader in health equity through increased federal grant acquisition and a stronger health workforce to meet needs of underserved populations.

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

Activities will include competitive pilot research grants; pilot regional cluster projects; four student symposia; statewide student summer research internships; annual statewide health equity summit.

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

Citizens will have the opportunity to participate in the pilot research grants which may include community-based health projects and clinical trials, with COVID-19 as a priority. The children of citizens can participate in the symposia which will be open to the public and have the opportunity to apply for the summer research internships. Finally, clinicians, community representatives, faculty and students along with the general public will be invited to attend the health equity summits.

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



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100 high school students; 300 university/college students; 100 clinicians and community representatives; 125 faculty; 600 other (underserved populations for regional cluster projects, specific groups to be determined). Total=1,225.

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

1. Improved physical health (including COVID-19): -number of new innovations that document the reduction of disease and disease risk factors in medically underserved populations, -number of regional cluster projects that document reduction of disease and disease risk factors in medically underserved populations; 2. Improved quality of education: - increase in awareness/ knowledge of high school and college students regarding their preparation for health-related work including STEM professions; 3. Improved economic activity: -increase in multi-university, multidisciplinary & community-based funding in collaborating institutions.

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?

Per FSU policy, all claims for payment must be in accordance with the approved payment schedule, appropriate invoicing and backup detail. Failure to follow these procedures will result in possible cancellation of the contract.

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.

N/A



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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