



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1118

1. Project Title University of Miami - HIV/AIDS Research at Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR)

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 10/20/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The mission of the State funding initiative is to support research to identify a cure & vaccine for AIDS. Since FL currently has the highest rate of new HIV infections in the Nation, the creation of strategies to prevent/cure HIV infection will significantly impact the health needs of FL. Funds will support a pilot grant program. A prior pilot award led to a strategy to cure HIV and efforts are underway to translate this into human studies. Pilots have led to a high level of new federal grants.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Health

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	3%
Matching Funds		
Federal	28,279,883	93%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	250,000	1%
Local	250,000	1%
Other	500,000	2%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	30,279,883	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	250,000	468	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,000,000

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

State investment drives innovative and patient-driven research, making our researchers more competitive for federal grants. We continue to seek and compete for funding to support these efforts.

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



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No

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Research unit operational staff including lab manager, study coordinators, and other support staff salary and benefits.	313,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	HIV Cure laboratory supplies, chemicals, and equipment. Operating costs for clinical research unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital.	271,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds awarded as pilot grants and HIV Cure Research Symposium.	416,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

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

Support innovative research leading to a cure for HIV/AIDS and AIDS vaccine developments. State funds will be spent on pilot grant projects to allow researchers to develop innovative lines of research and be more competitive for federal grants. Funds also support a research unit at Jackson Memorial that promotes inclusion of underrepresented minorities in cutting edge research and clinical trials.

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

Funding supports a research Unit at Jackson Medical Hospital which facilitates inclusion of underrepresented individuals in clinical research studies that provide access to cutting edge therapies.

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

HIV/AIDS infected population in Florida. Over 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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



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This project will look to improve healthcare outcomes for the community, while increasing patient enrollment for clinical studies and providing greater accessibility to innovative medications and therapies. The methodology deployed involves measuring federal grants awarded to researchers that have received pilot grants from the HIV/AIDS Institute. Pilot awards provide an opportunity for researchers to explore innovative strategies towards developing a cure and vaccine for HIV/AIDS.

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?

Subject to the penalties put forth by the Florida Department of Health.

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