



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2145

1. Project Title Florida Assoc. of Community Health Centers-FQHC Academic Health Centers For Primary Care Residencies

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 01/07/2022

4. Project/Program Description

This project will support the planning and design phase of two Community Academic Health Centers for Primary Care Residencies based in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The State of Florida requires greater capacity to provide residencies in primary care in order to retain high-quality medical providers upon completion of their residency programs. Funding for these efforts will support all efforts associated with ideation, planning, and design including engagement of medical schools, hospitals, community-based organizations, and experts in Academic Health Centers. As a result of this funding, the Florida Association of Community Health Centers (FACHC) will develop a definitive 'playbook' for opening, operating, and sustaining a Community Academic Health Center in Florida, with specific planning for the opening of two centers and a template for future centers to come.

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 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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 2022-2023	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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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.

\$75,000, CARES Act; to provide technical assistance and training to Florida's FQHCs specific to COVID-19.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director, administrative lead for planning and development process/study.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Additional FACHC staff engagement: Program assistant	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative expenses including office supplies, travel, technology	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses including office supplies, travel, technology	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Programmatic consultants including: Existing FQHC Academic Health Center experts National Academic Health Center experts Medical School/University/Residency expertise engagement Accreditation expert (ACGME expertise)	370,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The establishment of "grow your own" primary care residents to fill needed shortages at primary care provider slots such as FQHCs. Federal data, from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), indicates that providers that complete residencies in the primary care setting tend to stay in primary care once their residency is completed. This "grow your own" tool is an excellent recruitment tool to help Community Health Centers further provide healthcare for Florida's most vulnerable populations. Accordingly, this funding will help with the planning and design for building world-class Community Academic Health Centers that provide residency programs for primary care providers.

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

With funding, FACHC will create a first-of-its-kind 'playbook' that describes all aspects related to the launch, operations, and sustainability of a Community Academic Health Center within FQHCs, with the specific focus on primary care in order to retain providers that are trained in Florida for long-term careers. Funding is necessary to support planning using evidence, leveraging best practices, and creating programming for a Community Academic Health Center that is relevant to the needs of the state and provides benefit to providers. The planning will include support for the accreditation process, building sustainable financial models, integrating recruitment strategies, and defining partnerships leading to the launch of two centers.

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



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Funding for this project is necessary to ensure proper planning and design work associated with providing healthcare for the state's most vulnerable populations, including the uninsured and under-insured (which is at the core of FQHCs' mission). As a result of this funding and the completion of this project, and with secured funding, the launch of two Community Academic Health Centers can commence which will positively impact patient populations.

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

The planning portion of this work will include a targeted population of medical schools, hospitals, and community-based partners that collaboratively engage with FQHCs to create two Community Academic Health Centers.

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

Florida lacks in our ability to provide primary care residency programs. It is an area of great concern as provider shortages ramp up in geometric proportion. While we provide medical school training in 10 schools, most have nowhere to go for primary care residencies in state. FQHCs provide a setting where residents do tend to remain in primary care within the state once they complete their residency training. This project will be measured on the ROI of number of patients seen by these providers and, where data are available, any cost savings to the State. Expectations for long-term impacts is up to 25 residency placements within the centers, supporting up to 500 patients per year per resident based on standard workload calculations.

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?

Penalty for not completing deliverables is the inability to launch the two Community Academic Health Centers referenced in this proposal.

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.

Funding is for operations only; no fixed capital outlay funding is requested.



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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