

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3561

1. Project Title St. Thomas University - Nursing Program Expansion Phase I

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 01/17/2024

4. Project/Program Description

The overall goals will be to provide fixed building capital and nursing equipment to the School of Nursing in order to expand training of low-income minority nursing students. Provide a state of the art nursing education building for students to meet the documented need of the Nursing shortages in Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	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 2024-2025	5,000,000	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

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

No

No

Yes

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



HEERF - \$1,296,380
CRRSAA - \$2,727,055
ARP - \$4,682,531

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

📀 Planning	🔘 Design	Construction	🔘 N/A		
b. Is the project	"shovel ready" ((i.e permitted)?		No	
c. What is the es	timated start da	te of construction?		July 2024	
d. What is the es	timated comple	tion date of construe	ction?	July 2025	

12. List 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.

St. Thomas University.

13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Fixed Capital Outlay	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 5,0		

14. Program Performance

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

The overall goals will be to provide fixed building capital and nursing equipment to the School of Nursing in order to expand training of low-income minority nursing students. Provide a state of the art nursing education building for students to meet the documented need of the Nursing shortages in Florida.

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



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Nursing Education by an accredited institution focused on training low-income minority students to serve in their community in Miami-Dade County and the state of Florida

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

Healthcare and wellness treatment to improve the lives of Florida residents and thereby increasing their economic impact to the state while reducing the drain on state resources for incapacitated individuals.

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

Persons with poor mental health, Persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons and drug users.

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

Improvement of educational quality of St. Thomas University minority students will be impacted with training opportunities given to students to pursue careers in medical care. Outcome measures will be performed by assessment of number of St. Thomas University students in the program and the number of students that pursue a career in medical treatment and care.

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?

The University is open to penalties the Department deems appropriate.

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□Non Profit 501(c	:)(3)						
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)						
□Local Entity	□Local Entity						
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