



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3539

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The State of Florida will fund the launch of a mobile low dose CT (LDCT) trailer in partnership with North Walton Doctor's Hospital that will bring lung cancer screening and other healthcare services to people who would otherwise struggle to access this care. In Florida, lung cancer kills more Floridians (10,409 in 2022) than almost the next three cancers combined (CDC Data). Unfortunately, in Florida, only 15.8% of those at high risk for lung cancer were screened, ranking 29th of all states in screening rates (American Lung Association Data). Many of these at risk individuals live in Northern Florida (e.g., Hamilton and Washington and Walton Counties (Countyhealthrankings.org Data). A mobile LDCT gives hope in the effort to defeat lung cancer and represents an opportunity to save more lives. For example, screening with annual LDCT scans can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20% by detecting tumors at early stages when the cancer is more likely to be curable.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,800,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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For mobile lung cancer screening program to continue to run in years 2, 3 and so forth, we would expect annual costs of around \$660,000, which the State can choose to fund. For every case where cancer is detected earlier, the treatment cost drops significantly, especially from Stage 4 to Stage 1, a potential savings of up to \$450,000 per case. If the patient is on Medicaid, these Medicaid savings can be reinvested into the program to help fund it going forward.

## Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 10. 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)?

#### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

#### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

#### e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

### 11. 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.

### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	North Walton Doctor's Hospital will need office support to manage the mobile lung cancer screening program. Expected costs are \$75,000 in year one.	75,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Budget 10,000 per year for unexpected administrative costs.	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, monitors, printers, software to support mobile lung cancer screening program. Initial cost is expected to be \$50,000 in year one.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	North Walton Doctor's Hospital will need to dedicate time from their onsite radiologist and nurses to support a mobile lung cancer screening program. Costs are expected to be \$175,000 in year one for expected uptick in staffing costs.	175,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$686,500 is expected cost in year one to cover purchase of a Low Does CT Imaging Machine with necessary software to enable lung cancer screening and cardiac screening. In addition, \$585,500 is expected cost in year one to purchase a 52 foot trailer with expandable walls, a patient room and generator. \$25,000 is expected annual cost to purchase a driver/tractor and \$75,000 is expected cost in year one for an ultrasound that will also be included in the trailer. In addition to these costs, it will	1,490,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,800,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

North Walton Doctor's Hospital will launch a mobile lung cancer screening program in Walton County and the surrounding counties. In Florida, according to the CDC, lung cancer kills more Floridians (10,409 in 2022) than almost the next three cancers combined. Unfortunately, in Florida, only 15.8% of those at high risk for lung cancer were screened, ranking 29th of all states in screening rates. Many counties in the North have the highest smoking rates among Florida adults (i.e., Washington and Hamilton). A mobile solution gives hope in the effort to defeat lung cancer and represents an opportunity to save more lives. For example, screening with annual low dose CT scans can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20% by detecting tumors at early stages when the cancer is more likely to be curable.

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

The funds will provide a grant to North Walton Doctor's Hospital to purchase a mobile trailer and fully equip it with a low dose CT imaging machine. The grant will also fund startup costs to launch the program and run it for one year, including new staffing costs, marketing costs, trailer operating costs, etc. (See Page 3 for breakdown of these costs). As more people are screened for lung cancer, cancer will be detected earlier, treated sooner, and cost savings will be realized for Florida Medicaid.

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

The mobile trailer will bring lung cancer screening directly to people who are eligible for screening. Of equal importance, the mobile screening unit can also improve patients' access to other screenings besides lung cancer screening to improve total healthcare outcomes. For example, a LDCT scan also detect valvular heart disease, ascending aortic aneurysm, emphysema, liver disease, kidney disease, and can support cardiac health through cardiac calcium scores. In addition, a mobile unit can bring other healthcare services to people like ultrasound, blood draws, blood pressure measurements, BMI measurements, head/neck exams, skin assessments, among more.

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

The target population is people who are eligible for lung cancer screening (i.e., people who are current smokers or quit within the last 15 years, and who have 20 or more pack years, which means 1 pack of cigarettes a day for 20 years, or 2 packs a day for 10 years, etc.) In addition, the mobile screening program can target other individuals in the community for other healthcare services (i.e. ultrasound, cardiac scans, blood draws).

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

The expected benefit is catching lung cancer earlier - in Stage I or Stage II verses Stage III or Stage IV when people are very sick and show-up to the hospital for help - but often too late. The program will measure how many eligible people get screened each year and how many lung cancers are caught in Stage I, Stage II, Stage III or Stage IV. The program can also measure patient satisfaction scores.

#### 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 in the contract?

Claw back of unspent funds if certain metrics are not hit.

### 14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

#### a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)



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- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**

**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**18. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**



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- ☒ 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  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

*The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.*