



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1151

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Nicklaus Children's Heart Institute provides free and accessible electrocardiogram (EKG) screenings to tens of thousands of student athletes throughout South Florida yearly. These screenings play a vital role in detecting underlying heart conditions that can lead to sudden cardiac events in otherwise healthy young athletes. This funding request would bolster these efforts and provide funding for an additional 15,000 screenings.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (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 2026-2027	500,000	100%

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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
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		
Salary and Benefits	funding for clinical staffing and EKG interpretation	120,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	purchase of necessary supplies and equipment, plus travel	379,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

Enable the Nicklaus Children's Heart Institute to provide 15,000 free and accessible electrocardiogram (EKG) screenings to student athletes throughout South Florida.

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

Provide 15,000 free and accessible EKG screenings and interpretations for student athletes in South Florida.

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



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Timely EKG screenings and interpretations that help detect underlying heart conditions in otherwise healthy student athletes.

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

Student athletes of all ages, sports, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Approximately 15,000 individuals.

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

That parents and student athletes have as complete a picture as possible of students' health prior to competing in athletics. To measure the efficacy of the program, the State could compare the following prior to and after implementation of the program: 1) public knowledge about the pros of an EKG screening, 2) accessibility of EKG screenings, 3) the number of detected underlying heart conditions.

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?

Failure to utilize the funds in the specified manner shall result in the funds being returned to the State.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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

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



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☐ 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
☐ 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.