



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1219

1. Project Title Nova Southeastern University Veterans Health

2. Senate Sponsor Alexis Calatayud

3. Date of Request 11/19/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Funding for initiatives at Nova Southeastern University related to Veterans Health: 1) Continuation funding for the Veterans Access Clinic (VAC) to provide direct patient care services to veterans and their families at no cost to the clients-patients. Direct care includes primary care, dental care, vision care, physical and speech therapy, psychological and behavioral health care. 2) Continued funding to advance the modernization of our dental facilities. (3) Funding for NSU Military to Medicine program which is a program to recruit and enroll military personnel with medical training into the health professions colleges of NSU.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Health

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	7,250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	7,250,000

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)	7,250,000	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	7,250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	6,000,000	436	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

6,000,000

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

NSU has worked with federal Veterans Administration and local community veterans organizations to identify other funding sources; however, the state funds requested are typically because patients don't qualify or cannot access those funds.



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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
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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	\$7,250,000 of the funds will be allocated to the network of clinics operated by NSU in South Florida and Tampa Bay regions to provide direct patient care services and to upgrade and modernize dental facilities. In addition, funds will be used too coordinate the NSU Military to Medicine Program.	7,250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		7,250,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of the funds is to continue to provide direct health care services to veterans and their families at no cost to the clients/patients. Direct health care services include primary care, dental care, vision care, speech and physical therapy, and psychological and behavioral health care. In addition, funds would be used to modernize the dental facilities that are the primary service that veterans and families are accessing. Finally, funds will be used to fund a position and provide services to military personnel with medical training to build a transition for them to enroll and succeed in NSU's health professions programs, including osteopathic and allopathic medicine nursing, optometry, dental medicine and pharmacy.

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

Direct provision of health care services.

Assistance to military personnel through interview and test preparation workshops, assistance with enrolling in pre-medical masters' bridge programs, and personalized advising sessions for military personnel to individualize their experience to enroll in health professions

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

Primary care, dental care, vision care, physical and speech therapy, behavioral and mental health

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

Veterans and their families. In excess of 7,000.

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

Improved health care for veterans and their families, including mental health care.

Provide a structured, transparent, and supportive pathway for military members and veterans to pursue advanced education in healthcare and medicine.

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?

Return of state funds

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



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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

☐ 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.



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