

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Florida Health Equity Research Institute
2. Date of Submission: 01/07/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Janet Cruz

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2014-15
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					1,000,000	0	1,000,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Rick Lindstrom
- b. Organization: Florida Health Equity Research Institute
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Florida Health Equity Research Institute
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Alachua, Duval, Hillsborough, Leon, Miami-Dade, Orange, Volusia
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

The Florida Health Equity Research Institute (FL HERI) was established in 2013 by the Florida Board of Governors to implement the Health Disparities Research Agenda for Florida through proactive collaborations among academic institutions, health care providers, government organizations, community-based organizations, and funding organizations. The specific goals include: a) increasing the development of health solutions that improve health of medically underserved populations; b) growing the pool of individuals from unrepresented groups for the health workforce; c) increasing external funding that will improve economic development in the state; and d) enhancing recognition of Florida as a leader in improved health outcomes. The need for FL HERI arises from the disproportionate disease burden among medically underserved populations in Florida and the lack of large, multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional efforts to improve health in these populations. Reducing this disease burden will decrease health care costs and improve economic viability in Florida. By developing multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary efforts we position our state to be much more competitive for federal funding for these types of programs.

In 2013, Florida State University, the institution that serves as the host for FL HERI, received a non-recurring appropriation of \$400,000 to develop the infrastructure and statewide programs consistent with the above goals. Since the establishment of FL HERI in 2013, the following has been accomplished:

1. 13 state and private institutions have joined as partners including Bethune-Cookman University (BCU), Edward Waters College (EWC), Florida A&M University (FAMU), Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Florida International University (FIU), Florida State University (FSU), Moffitt Cancer Center (Moffitt), University of Central Florida (UCF), University of Florida (UF), University of Florida-Jacksonville (UF-JAX), University of Miami (UM), University of North Florida (UNF), and University of South Florida (USF)
2. 10 member Steering Committee established, representing eight institutions (BCU, EWC, FAMU, FSU, Moffitt, UF, USF, UF)
3. 15 member Community Leadership Board identified, representing 13 communities in Florida and reflecting the ethnic/racial, economic, and geographical

diversity in the state

4. 350 students, faculty, health providers, community representatives and decision-makers have attended annual FL HERI Summits/Conferences
5. 587 high school and college (bachelor?s and master?s level) students statewide have participated in symposia on the health professions and biomedical careers or selected for summer research internships
6. \$11.6M in competitive federal and state grants submitted
7. \$5.9M in competitive federal and state grants received
8. Four faculty have received competitive FL HERI pilot research awards, representing FAMU, UCF, UF, and UF-JAX
9. Junior Faculty Scholars Program established with 2 faculty selected from UF as awardees

HERI is addressing some of the perennial problems in Florida--health disparities in medically underserved populations, lack of collaboration among higher education institutions and research centers, lack of community engagement related to the health of underserved populations and inadequate federal research funding. With the achievements in the first two years, they not only have far exceeded the performance metrics outlined in our application approved by the Board of Governors but also demonstrated an ability to bring diverse institutions and constituents together to address these broad perennial problems. However, in order to continue this success, they need recurring funding for staffing and other infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted service for our programs, especially those that provide outreach to students and junior investigators across the state. Thus our current request is for \$1,000,000 in recurring funds. The disbursement of funds would be divided accordingly:

- i. \$450,000 for competitive pilot research grants program to identify and test new innovations to reduce health disparities and to build capacity in investigators at Florida universities. This funding also would provide support for mentoring programs for junior investigators.
- ii. \$150,000 to host and grow participation in the annual statewide Health Disparities Summit for faculty, students, community representatives and clinicians; development of partnerships with national organizations; meetings for 10 member Steering Committee, and 15 member Community Leadership Board; and support for communication (website, reports).
- iii. \$100,000 to grow the number of students who are mentored in health-related STEM disciplines through symposia and summer research internships (stipends for student research interns and faculty mentors; rental of facilities for symposia, supplies).
- iv. \$100,000 for competitive pilot program to build research capacity and to strengthen research partnerships with community-based organizations.
- v. \$100,000 for support of research infrastructure, grant reviews, fiscal management.
- vi. \$100,000 for administrative staff and other support.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes