

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Nemours Children's Hospital - Improving Access to Pediatric Residency & Fellowship GME
2. Date of Submission: 11/16/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Rene Plasencia

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2021-22
- 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.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>
Input Amounts:		457,000	457,000		574,396	574,396

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	574,396	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574,396</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2022-23 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- Ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Agency for Health Care Administration

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

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If the funds are allocated and not used for a Graduate Medical Education Program in fiscal year 2022-2023, the funds must be returned to the Agency for Health Care Administration.

7. Requester:

- a. Name: Robert Bridges
- b. Organization: Nemours Children's Health
- c. Email: robert.bridges@nemours.org
- d. Phone #: (904)697-4107

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

- a. Name: Cora Merritt
- b. Organization: Nemours Children's Health
- c. Email: cora.merritt@nemours.org
- d. Phone #: (850)758-5209

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Tara Reid-Cherry
- b. Firm: Strategos Public Affairs LLC
- c. Email: treid@strategosgroup.com
- d. Phone #: (813)321-1400

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Nemours Children's Health
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Orange
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The funds will support Graduate Medical Education for residents training to support the pediatric population in Florida at Nemours Children's Health. The State of Florida investing in a residency and fellowship program at Nemours Children's Health would help address the shortage of pediatric subspecialty medical providers in Florida. We will welcome 3 Fellows to NCH next year—the first in the history of our GME program.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Costs include salaries and benefits and the overhead costs of practice for the resident physicians, such as licensing fees and medical liability insurance.	71,370
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Expenses, such as utilities and maintenance, and administrative costs, expenses related to the educational modalities, including high fidelity simulation, required for expert training. The total cost of administering the program is \$7.47M. The request is approximately 7.7% the cost of administering our program in the 2022-2023 academic year.	106,380
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		

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<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	The total cost per resident/fellow is \$191,465. Nemours' appropriation request is the cost of 3 students (\$191,465 x 3=\$574,396).	249,496
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The request is approximately 7.7% the cost of administering our program in the 2022-2023 academic year.	147,150
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>574,396</b>

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

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No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Nemours Children's Hospital residents sent letters of support regarding Graduate Medical Education funding on May 13, 2021.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Nemours will welcome 3 Fellows to NCH next year—the first in the history of our GME program. With the 3 Fellows, we will have 39 students rotating through our program (36 Residents, 3 Fellows).

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

By 2025, the State estimates there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialties. The ultimate goal is to serve Florida's growing pediatric population, and ensure their families do not leave Florida because the unique care their child needed was not offered. In addition, the graduate medical education program will help Florida attract and retain the best and brightest students interested in pediatrics.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled

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- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	The pediatric population of Florida is growing rapidly and the state estimates that by 2025 there will be a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists. Shortages are already impacting Florida families.	Studies show that almost 60% of medical students that received their graduate medical education in Florida stayed in the state after graduation. Investing in a Florida based residency and fellowship

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	Nemours' Community Health Needs Assessment shows 37% of families in Central Florida experienced some difficulties/delays in accessing care for a child.	programs at Nemours Children's Hospital, will help to address the shortage of pediatric medical providers in Florida. Florida based training programs will lead to more providers in Florida.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Fellows practice medicine within 100 miles of where they completed their final year of training. Central Florida currently lags behind other areas of the state with respect to the number of pediatric residency and pediatric fellowship opportunities.	Nemours pediatricians and specialists are building a pipeline of highly trained pediatricians and pediatric specialty care physicians for central Florida. These future pediatric specialists and subspecialists will change the landscape of our region's healthcare for children and the outcomes for pediatric patients in this area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	According to a Stateline analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis	Studies show more than 1/2 of trainees (residents and fellows)



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	<p>data, Orlando’s population has grown 51 percent since 2000,nearly three times the national average. Although it is among the fastest growing metropolitan areas, it has one of the lowest growth in per capita personal income. By increasing opportunities for graduate medical education, Nemours would contribute to Orlando's goal of job creation.</p>	<p>practice medicine within 100 miles of where they completed their final year of training. Investing in quality pediatric residency and training programs in Central Florida will provide a pipeline for pediatricians and specialists to continue to enter the market. 78.2% of medical students remain in the state if they complete both.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	<p>Training is not complete. In fact, a graduate cannot practice medicine, without completing some level of graduate medical education. Studies show that more than 1/2 of medical trainees (residents and fellows) practice medicine within 100 miles of where they completed their final year of training. 78.2% of trainees remain in the state of FL.</p>	<p>The Nemours' residency program will maintain three 12 person classes of residents and our first fellowship during FY22-23. Each resident that completes the program will be prepared to enters Florida's workforce or continue their journey to serve children in a subspecialty in Florida.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual’s economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		