



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1022

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Elite Healthcare Academy (EHA) aims to bridge the gap between the demand for qualified healthcare professionals and the supply of healthcare industry labor. By offering rigorous training programs for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and Phlebotomists, EHA is committed to producing highly competent, industry-ready professionals to meet the ever-growing needs of healthcare facilities in the Central Florida area.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	738,123
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>738,123</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	738,123	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>738,123</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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.**

Private Grants and Foundations  
 Healthcare Foundations: Some foundations specialize in funding healthcare education and training. Apply for grants from such foundations to finance your academy.  
 Educational Grants: There are foundations with a focus on education; these might be willing to fund training academies like a CNA academy.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. 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?

12. 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.

### 13. 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	(1.5) Registered Nurse Instructor, one w/15 years of clinical experience and specializes in geriatric care. Committed to excellence, they use interactive teaching methods to train skilled and compassionate CNAs, ready to meet Florida's healthcare needs as well as lead and direct licensed home health care services. .5 Executive Director responsible for day-to-day, org oversight.	173,147
Other Salary and Benefits	Clerical support will provide daily operations support & highly organized and customer-focused, this position will manage student enrollment to record-keeping. Their efficiency and attention to detail provide a supportive environment, allowing instructors and students to focus solely on the educational experience. This position will maintain the academy standards of excellence.	40,066
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Staff Essential Supplies: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Mobility Aid Tools: Clinical Assessment Instruments: Professional Attire: Hygiene and Sanitation Supplies: Specialization Training and Supplies: Real-time Electronic Service Delivery Documentation: Rent, Utilities, Telephone, Insurance and etc.	48,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN): With 5+ years of clinical experience, our LPNs provide quality hands-on training to CNA students. They focus on clinical procedures and patient care, instilling both skill and compassion. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA): Trained at our academy, our CNAs are well-versed in bedside care, patient mobility, and healthcare protocols.	110,397



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training Projector: For interactive classroom learning, Student Laptops: For e-learning and assessments, Healthcare Services: To ensure a safe learning environment, Equipment: For hands-on training, Student Scrubs: To instill professionalism, Supplies: Basic classroom necessities, Transportation: For student and staff commute, Staff Training: For up-to-date teaching methods, Office Supplies.	93,400
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The Academy will invest 12,480 hours post graduation in a top-notch CNA's aimed at developing highly-skilled and compassionate workforce. This effort addresses the growing need for healthcare professionals in Florida's aging population, while creating a three-month, paid Home Healthcare Practicum, serving economically disadvantaged communities, veterans and disabled population and gaining valuable experience for career advancement.	273,113
<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>738,123</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The funds for the Elite Healthcare Academy will be invested in a top-notch training center aimed at developing highly-skilled and compassionate CNAs. This effort addresses the growing need for healthcare professionals in Florida's aging population. Selected graduates will be offered participation in a three-month, paid Home Healthcare Practicum, serving economically disadvantaged communities and gaining valuable experience for career advancement.

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

Instructors at our CNA Academy will provide hands-on training in clinical procedures, lead interactive classroom lectures, and conduct assessments. They'll employ state-of-the-art simulation tools for skill development and offer personalized mentorship to students. Their expertise ensures graduates are well-prepared for real-world healthcare challenges.

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

Graduates from our CNA Academy will offer essential healthcare services such as patient bathing, feeding, and mobility assistance. They will excel in monitoring vital signs, basic wound care, and medication administration. Skilled in patient communication and emotional support, they will play a crucial role in enhancing overall patient care.

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

The targeted population is: 1. Jobless persons 2. Economically disadvantaged persons 3. At-risk Age Appropriate Young Adults 4. High School Students 5. University/College Students 6. Unemployed and Underemployed Individuals. With approximately 65 individuals to be served.

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

Increase economic activity and create healthcare industry job ready individuals - According to industry studies, every dollar invested in this sector can generate up to \$1.60 in local economic returns. Considering Florida's large aging population, a 10% expansion in home health long-term care services could contribute an additional \$2 billion to the state's economy next year alone. Data Collection: Gather data on the total investment in home health long-term care in Florida for a specific year. Track economic returns, such as job creation and saved hospital costs. Metrics: Economic Multiplier: Calculate the return for each dollar invested (e.g., a return of \$1.60 per dollar indicates a 1.6 multiplier). Job Creation: Count new jobs in the home health sector.

**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 the contract?**

Graduated prorated contract reduction amount based on factors directly related to provider deliverables performance.



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#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number