

## Budget Issues of Interest to BioFlorida

Governor Proposed Budget – December 2023

Program	2022-23 Approved Budget - \$109.9B	2023-24 Approved Budget - \$116.5 B	Governor 2024-25 Proposed Budget
<b>James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>	<b>\$7,850,000</b> (Page 121)	<b>\$7,850,000</b> (Page 121 Line 461)	<b>\$7,850,000</b> (page 96, line 525)
<b>Bankhead &amp; Coley Cancer Research Program</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>	<b>\$10,000,000</b> (Page 121) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 455, \$500,000 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund is provided to maintain the statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program at the McKnight Brain Institute (recurring base appropriations project).	<b>\$10,000,000</b> (Page 121, Line 462) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 462, \$500,000 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund is provided to maintain the statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program at the McKnight Brain Institute (recurring base appropriations project).	<b>\$10,000,000</b> (page 96, line 526)
<b>Ed &amp; Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>	<b>\$5,000,000 000</b> (Page 122) Funds in Specific Appropriation 460 are provided for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program established in s. 381.82, F.S.	<b>\$5,000,000</b> (Page 123, Line 468) Funds in Specific Appropriation 468 are provided for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program established in section 381.82, F.S.	<b>\$5,000,000</b> (page 97, line 530) Funds in Specific Appropriation 530 are provided for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program established in section 381.82, Florida Statutes.
<b>Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program</b> (formerly Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institutes Center Program) <i>(Department of Health)</i>	<b>\$100,000,000 Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program</b> <i>(Page 121)</i> Funds in Specific Appropriation 457 are provided for the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Centers Program established in s. 381.915, F.S.  Cancer centers are eligible for Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 designation to participate in the Florida Consortium of NCI Centers Program as follows: H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute is eligible for Tier 1 designation as a NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center; the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is eligible for Tier 2 designation as a NCI-designated cancer center; and the Univ of Florida Health Shands Cancer Hospital is eligible for Tier 3 designation in the Florida Consortium of NCI Centers Program.	<b>\$127,500,000</b> (Page 122, Line 464) Funds in Specific Appropriation 464 are provided for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program established in section 381.915, F.S. Cancer centers are eligible for Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 designation to participate in the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program as follows: H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center are eligible for Tier 1 designation as a NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center; the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is eligible for Tier 2 designation as a NCI designated cancer center; and the University of Florida Health Shands Cancer Hospital is eligible for Tier 3 designation in the Florida Consortium of NCI Centers Program. All cancer centers receiving funding under the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program shall submit to the Florida Cancer Data System, on a quarterly basis beginning 9/30/23, data on new cancer diagnoses and cancer recurrence. All funded cancer centers shall submit to the DOH, on a quarterly basis beginning 9/30/23, data on patient outcomes by cancer type and mortality and survival rates for patients treated as determined by the DOH. By 1/1/24, all funded cancer centers shall submit a report to the DOH containing comprehensive findings and protocols of best practices leading to improved outcomes among patients. A cancer center receiving funds pursuant to the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program shall be compliant with the requirements of this proviso, and the DOH may recover funds awarded for failure to comply with the requirements of this proviso.  From the funds in Specific Appropriation 464, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Department of Health to produce a long-range comprehensive plan on the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program. The plan shall, at a minimum, include the following components: (1) Expanded eligibility of the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program to include a broader pool of Florida-based cancer centers, research institutions, biomedical education institutions, hospitals, and medical providers to receive funding through the program.	<b>\$127,500,000</b> Funds in Specific Appropriation 527 are provided for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program established in section 381.915, Florida Statutes.

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		<p>(2) Development of an academic collaborative that integrates research institutions and medical schools into the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program to expand geographic reach into underserved areas of the state.</p> <p>(3) Revision of the tiers established in section 381.915(4), F.S., to be replaced by a fund weighting methodology that focuses on quality of care, efficacy of treatment, and patient outcomes and includes consideration for philanthropic sources of fund generation by applicant cancer research centers.</p> <p>The DOH may contract with third parties to assist in the development of the comprehensive plan, and must solicit input from cancer centers, research institutions, biomedical education institutions, hospitals, and medical providers not currently funded under the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program in addition to those cancer centers currently funded under the Program. The comprehensive plan shall be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor no later than 1/1/24.</p>	
<b>Florida Cancer Innovation Fund/DOH</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>		<p><b>\$20,000,000</b> (Page 123, Line 465)</p> <p>Funds in Specific Appropriation 465, are provided for the purpose of awarding research grants to support innovative cancer research, including emerging research trends and promising practices, which can serve as a catalyst for further exploration. The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council shall review all grant applications and make grant funding recommendations to the DOH. The DOH shall make final grant allocation awards.</p>	<p><b>\$60,000,000</b> (Page 96, line 528)</p> <p>Funds in Specific Appropriation 528 are provided for the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to award research grants to support innovative cancer research, including emerging research trends and promising practices, which can serve as a catalyst for further exploration. The Department of Health shall award funds through a competitive process, and the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council shall designate a representative to consult with the Department of Health and assist as requested. The State Surgeon General or their designee shall determine the final award amounts.</p>
<b>Enterprise Florida</b> <i>(Department of Commerce)</i>	<p><b>\$12,000,000</b> (Page 358)</p> <p>Language in implementing bill (HB 5003) prohibits EHI from carrying over unexpended funds from previous year.</p>	<p><i>\$0 Funding moves to the Department of Economic Opportunity, renamed the Department of Commerce per <a href="#">HB 5</a>. A transition plan is under development to move EFI programs to DOC.</i></p>	<p>Programs and funding moved to Department of Commerce</p>
<b>Economic Development “Tools”</b> <i>(Department of Commerce)</i>	<p><b>\$33,500,000</b> (Page 357)</p> <p>Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2295 are provided to make payments and tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for: Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Business Tax Refund; QTI Tax Refund - Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus; Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Refund; and High-Impact Business Performance (HIPI) Grant. Payments may only be made for projects that meet the statutory eligibility requirements. Funds may not be released for any other purpose and may only be disbursed when projects are certified to have met all contracted performance requirements. Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2295 from the Economic Development Trust Fund represent local matching funds.</p> <p>The DEO must provide monthly reports within 10 business days after the end of each month to the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of Senate Appropriations, and the chair of House Appropriations regarding all escrow activity relating to the Quick Action Closing Fund and the Innovation Incentive Fund</p>	<p><b>\$25,000,000</b> (Page 359, Line 2349)</p> <p>Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2349 are provided to make payments and tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the following programs: Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Business Tax Refund; QTI Tax Refund - Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus; Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Refund; and High-Impact Business Performance (HIPI) Grant. Payments may only be made for projects that meet the statutory eligibility requirements. Funds may not be released for any other purpose and may only be disbursed when projects are certified to have met all contracted performance requirements.</p> <p>Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2349 from the Economic Development Trust Fund represent local matching funds. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) must provide monthly reports within ten business days after the end of each month to the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget, the Senate, and House Appropriations Committee Chairs, regarding all escrow activity relating to the Quick Action Closing Fund and the Innovation Incentive Fund programs. The report must include information regarding any funds and interest earnings returned to the appropriate fund in the state</p>	<p><b>\$25,000,000</b> (Page 274, Line 2354)</p> <p>Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2354 are provided to make payments and tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the following programs: Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Business Tax Refund; QTI Tax Refund - Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus; Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Refund; and High-Impact Business Performance (HIPI) Grant. Payments may only be made for projects that meet the statutory eligibility requirements. Funds may not be released for any other purpose and may only be disbursed when projects are certified to have met all contracted performance requirements. Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2354 from the Economic Development Trust Fund represent local matching funds.</p>

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	<p>programs. Such report must include information regarding any funds and interest earnings returned to the appropriate fund in the state treasury, and the anticipated date(s) of all funds held in escrow. The DEO shall provide monthly reports to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of Senate Appropriations, and the chair of House Appropriations on the status of economic development programs administered by the Dept pursuant to chapter 288, F.S.</p>	<p>treasury, and the anticipated date(s) of all funds held in escrow. The DEO shall provide monthly reports to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the Senate, and House Appropriations Committee Chairs on the status of economic development programs administered by the department pursuant to chapter 288, F.S.</p>	
<p><b>Job Growth Grant Fund</b> (Department of Commerce)</p>	<p><b>\$50,000,000</b> (Page 500) The nonrecurring sum of \$50,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Dept of Economic Opportunity for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund pursuant to s. 288.101, FS <i>In the event the federal funds deposited into the General Revenue Fund are insufficient to fully fund all the appropriations authorized in this section, the federal funds received shall be distributed proportionally based on the amounts authorized.</i></p>	<p><b>\$75,000,000</b> (Page 361, Line 2361)</p>	<p><b>\$100,000,000</b> (Page 275, line 2365)</p>
<p><b>State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)</b> (Department of Commerce)</p>		<p><b>\$170,925,431</b> (Page 360, Line 2356)</p>	<p><b>\$175,228,833 (page 382, Section 171)</b> There is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$175,228,833 in nonrecurring funds from the Federal Grants Trust Fund to the Department of Commerce for the State Small Business Credit Initiative. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the department for the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Program and SSBCI Technical Assistance Program in section 191 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, and any unexpended balance of funds appropriated in this section remaining on June 30, 2024, shall revert and is appropriated to the department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the same purpose. This section is effective upon becoming law.</p>
<p><b>Rural Infrastructure Fund</b> (Department of Commerce)</p>	<p><b>\$25,000,000</b> (Page 500) The nonrecurring sum of \$25,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Dept of Economic Opportunity for rural infrastructure projects pursuant to s.288.0655, F.S <i>In the event the federal funds deposited into the General Revenue Fund are insufficient to fully fund all the appropriations authorized in this section, the federal funds received shall be distributed proportionally based on the amounts authorized in this section</i></p>	<p><b>\$25,000,000</b> (Page 358, Line 2342) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2342, \$5,000,000 in recurring funds from the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund is provided as grant funding for the following Florida panhandle counties to facilitate the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in these rural communities: Calhoun, Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties. Eligible uses of these funds include roads or other remedies to transportation impediments; storm water systems; water or wastewater facilities; and telecommunications facilities and broadband facilities. Grant funds are provided pursuant to section 288.0655(7), F.S. Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2362 (\$5,000,000) may only be disbursed from the Department of Economic Opportunity directly to the grant award recipient when projects are certified to have met all contracted performance requirements.</p>	<p><b>\$25,000,000 (Page 386 Section 202)</b> The following funds appropriated for the state's award from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Public Law 117-2) in section 233 and section 234 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall be transferred from an American Rescue Plan (ARP) appropriation category to a non-ARP appropriation category for the same purpose: Rural Infrastructure Fund - 25,000,000</p>
<p><b>Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program</b> (AHCA, DOH, APD, DCF, DOC and DOH)</p>	<p><b>\$15,000,000</b> (Page 59) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 190, \$15,000,000 in recurring funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund is provided to the AHCA for the administration of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program.</p>	<p><b>\$15,000,000</b> (Page 62, Line 190) Funds in Specific Appropriation 190 are provided to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by s. 381.02035, FS, for use in state programs outlined in s.381.02035(3), FS. Funds expended by the AHCA for</p>	<p><b>\$15,000,000 (page 49, Line 195)</b> Funds in Specific Appropriation 195 are provided to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by section 381.02035, Florida Statutes, for use in state programs outlined in</p>

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	<p>From the funds in Specific Appropriation 190, AHCA is authorized to expend funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by s. 381.02035, F.S., for use in state programs outlined in s. 381.02035(3), F.S. Funds expended by the agency for prescriptions utilized by clients of those state programs will be reimbursed to the agency by the appropriate state program office. Upon federal approval, the agency is authorized to submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, F.S.</p> <p>From the funds in Specific Appropriations 211,212, AHCA is authorized to expend funds from the General Revenue Fund, the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, and the Medical Care Trust Fund to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by s. 381.02035, F.S., for use in the Medicaid program, as outlined in s. 381.02035(3), F.S., for Medicaid eligible persons. Proviso also funds this program in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Dept of Children and Families, Dept of Corrections, and the DOH.</p>	<p>prescriptions utilized by clients of those state programs will be reimbursed to the agency by the appropriate state program office. Upon federal approval, the agency is authorized to submit a budget amendment pursuant to chapter 216, FS.</p> <p>From the funds in Specific Appropriations 210 and 211, the AHCA is authorized to expend funds from the General Revenue Fund, the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, and the Medical Care Trust Fund to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by section 381.02035, FS, for use in the Medicaid program, as outlined in section 381.02035(3), FS, for Medicaid eligible persons.</p> <p>Proviso also funds this program in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Dept of Children and Families, Dept of Corrections, and the DOH</p>	<p>section 381.02035(3), FS. Funds expended by the Agency for Health Care Administration for prescriptions utilized by clients of those state programs will be reimbursed to the agency by the appropriate state program office.</p> <p>Page 58, Line 215 &amp; 216 From the funds in Specific Appropriations 215 and 216, the Agency for Health Care Administration is authorized to expend funds from the General Revenue Fund, the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, and the Medical Care Trust Fund to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by section 381.02035, Florida Statutes, for the use in the Medicaid program, as outlined in section 381.02035(3), Florida Statutes, for Medicaid eligible persons.</p> <p>Proviso also funds this program in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Dept of Children and Families, Dept of Corrections, and the DOH.</p>

**Other Budget Items of Interest to BioFlorida Members**

Program	2022-23 Approved Budget - \$109.9 billion	2023-24 Approved Budget - \$116.5B	Governor's 2024-25 Proposed Budget
<b>Alzheimer's Research-Exablate Neuro Focused Ultrasound Technology</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>	\$5,000,000 (Page 54, Line 165A)	<b>\$5,000,000</b> (Page 52, Line 9)	<b>\$5,000,000</b> (page 48, Specific Appropriation 9 and 147) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 9 from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and Specific Appropriation 147 from the General Revenue Fund, \$3,598,337,920 is allocated as follows: Research University Alzheimer's Research Using Exablate Neuro Focused Ultrasound..... 5,000,000
<b>Alzheimer's and Dementia Research – University of Florida</b> <i>(Department of Education)</i>	\$3,000,000 (Page 52, Line 150)	<b>\$3,500,000</b> (Page 55, Line 148) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 148, \$3,500,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the University of FI Health -Alzheimer's & Dementia Research (SF 2204) (HF 1391)	<b>\$3,500,000</b> (Page 41, line 152) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 152, \$3,500,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the University of Florida Health - Alzheimer's and Dementia Research.
<b>Live Like Bella Initiative</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>	\$3,000,000 (page 122, line 459) Funds in Specific Appropriation 459 are provided for the Live Like Bella Initiative pursuant to s. 381.922(2)(c), F.S., to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer.	<b>\$4,000,000</b> (\$3,000,000 Page 123, Line 467 & \$1,000,000 Page 126, Line 483) Funds in Specific Appropriation 467 are provided for the Live Like Bella Initiative pursuant to section 381.922(2)(c), FS, to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer.	<b>\$3,000,000</b> (Page 96, Line 529) Funds in Specific Appropriation 529 are provided for the Live Like Bella Initiative pursuant to section 381.922(2)(c), Florida Statutes, to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer.
<b>Pediatric Rare Disease Research Grant program – FI State University</b> <i>(Department of Health)</i>		<b>\$500,000</b> (Page 53, Line 143)	<b>\$500,000</b> (Page 95, line 519) Funds in Specific Appropriation 519 are provided to award grants to support research related to rare pediatric diseases. Funding may be used for scientific and clinical research and studies related to new diagnostics and treatments for rare childhood diseases.

<p><b>Moffitt Cancer Center</b> <i>(Department of Education)</i></p>	<p><b>\$20,576,930</b> (Page 47, Line 143) The funds in Specific Appropriation 143 shall be transferred to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to support the operations of this state university system entity. Funds in Specific Appropriation 143 may be transferred to the AHCA and used as state matching funds for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to adjust the Medicaid inpatient reimbursement and outpatient trend adjustments applied to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and other Medicaid reductions to its reimbursements up to the actual Medicaid inpatient and outpatient costs. In the event that enhanced Medicaid funding is not implemented by the AHCA, these funds shall remain appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to continue the original purpose of providing research and education related to cancer.</p>	<p><b>\$20,576,930</b> (Page 51, lines 141) Funds in Specific Appropriation 141 shall be transferred to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to support the operations of this state university system entity. Funds in Specific Appropriation 141 may be transferred to the AHCA and used as state matching funds for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to adjust the Medicaid inpatient reimbursement and outpatient trend adjustments applied to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and other Medicaid reductions to its reimbursements up to the actual Medicaid inpatient and outpatient costs. In the event that enhanced Medicaid funding is not implemented by AHCA, these funds shall remain appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to continue the original purpose of providing research and education related to cancer.</p>	<p><b>\$24,510,000</b> (Page 38, line145) Funds in Specific Appropriation 145 shall be transferred to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to support the operations of this state university system entity. Funds in Specific Appropriation 145 may be transferred to the AHCA and used as state matching funds for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to adjust the Medicaid inpatient reimbursement and outpatient trend adjustments applied to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and other Medicaid reductions to its reimbursements up to the actual Medicaid inpatient and outpatient costs. In the event that enhanced Medicaid funding is not implemented by the AHCA, these funds shall remain appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to continue the original purpose of providing research and education related to cancer.</p>
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