

Florida Budget Issues of Interest to BioFlorida

7/8/25

Program	2024-25 Approved Budget \$117.4 billion	2025-25 Governor's Proposed Budget \$115.6 billion	2025-26 Final Approved Budget \$117.4 billion
James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program	\$7,850,000 (page 122, Line 456B)	\$7,850,000 (Line 513)	\$7,850,000
Bankhead & Coley Cancer Research Program	\$10,000,000 (Page 122, line 456C)	\$10,000,000 (Line 514)	\$10,000,000
Ed & Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program	\$6,500,000 (page 123, line 457D) From the funds in Specific Appropriation 457D, \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to award grants to study the impact of daily multi-vitamin use on improving cognitive function and associated health care cost impacts on Medicaid Long Term Care or state prison population over the age of 65.	\$5,000,000 (Line 519) Funds in Specific Appropriation 519 are provided for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program established in s 381.82, F.S.	\$5,000,000 (Line 519) Funds in Specific Appropriation 519 are provided for the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program established in section 381.82, FS.
Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program <i>(Dept of Health)</i>	\$127,500,000 (Page 106, line 457A) Funds in Specific Appropriation 457A are provided for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program established in s 381.915, FS. Cancer centers are eligible for Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 designation to participate in 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 and the University of Florida Health Shands Cancer Hospital are eligible for Tier 2 designation as a NCI designated cancer centers 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 Sept 30, 2024, data on new cancer diagnoses and cancer recurrence. All funded cancer centers shall submit to DOH, on a quarterly basis beginning Sept 30, 2024, data on patient outcomes by cancer type and mortality and survival rates for patients treated as determined by DOH. By Jan 1, 2025, all funded cancer centers shall submit a report to DOH containing comprehensive findings and protocols of best practices leading to improved outcomes among patients. A cancer center receiving funds from 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. Also see SB 7072 .	\$132,500,000 (Line 518) Funds in Specific Appropriation 518 are provided for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program established in section 381.915, F.S.	\$127,500,000 (Line 514A) Funds in Specific Appropriation 514A are provided for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program established in section 381.915, Florida Statutes. 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 and the University of Florida Health Shands Cancer Hospital are eligible for Tier 2 designation as an NCI designated cancer center 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 Sept 30, 2024, data on new cancer diagnoses and cancer recurrence. All funded cancer centers shall submit to the DOH, on a quarterly basis beginning Sept 30, 2024, data on patient outcomes by cancer type and mortality and survival rates for patients treated as determined by the DOH. By January 1, 2025, all funded cancer centers shall submit a report to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and 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.
Florida Cancer Innovation Fund <i>(Dept of Health)</i>	\$60,000,000 (Page 123, line 457B) Funds in Specific Appropriation 457B, are provided 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 Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council shall review all grant applications and make grant	\$60,000,000 (Line 515) Funds in Specific Appropriation 515 are provided for the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund to award research grants to support innovative cancer research. DOH shall award funds through a competitive process, and the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council shall designate a representative to consult with the	\$60,000,000 (Line 515, Page 143) Funds in Specific Appropriation 515 are provided for the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to award research grants, pursuant to s. 381.915, FS, to support innovative cancer research, including emerging research trends and promising practices, which can serve as a catalyst for further exploration.

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	funding recommendations to the DOH. The DOH shall make final grant allocation awards. Also see SB 7072	DOH and assist as requested. The State Surgeon General or their designee shall determine the final award amounts.	
Cancer Connect Collaborative Incubator		\$30,000,000 (Line 516) Funds in Specific Appropriation 516 are provided to distribute to hospitals as defined by section 395.002(28)(a), F.S. for conducting research to advance the care and treatment of pediatric cancer pursuant to section 381.915, F.S. contingent on passage of related legislation.	\$60,000,000 (Line 516, Page 144) Funds in Specific Appropriation 516 are provided to distribute to nonprofit hospitals that, as of January 1, 2022, are separately licensed by the state as specialty hospitals providing comprehensive acute care services to children pursuant to s. 395.002(28), FS, for conducting research to advance the care and treatment of pediatric cancer pursuant to s. 381.915, FS, contingent upon SB 2514, or similar legislation, becoming a law.
Health Care Innovation Revolving Loan	\$50,000,000	Recurring	\$50,000,000 (Line 525A, page 144)
Sickle Cell Treatment & Research (Dept of Health)	\$10,000,000 (Line 430A, Page 117)	\$10,000,000 Funds in Specific Appropriation 516 are provided to distribute to hospitals as defined by section 395.002(28)(a), F.S. for conducting research to advance the care and treatment of pediatric cancer pursuant to section 381.915, F.S. contingent on passage of related legislation.	\$10,000,000 (Line 413, Page 126)
Economic Development "Tools" (Dept of Commerce)	24,000,000 (Line 2354, Page 362) 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 Re-development Bonus; Brownfield Re-development 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. The Dept of Commerce must provide monthly reports within 10 business days after the end of each month to the Governor's Office, the House, and Senate Appropriations 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 treasury and the anticipated date(s) of all funds held in escrow.	\$22,500,000 (Line 413)	\$22,500,000 (Line 2120, page 385) Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2120 are provided to make payments and tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2025-26 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 2120 from the Economic Development Trust Fund represent local matching funds. The Dept of Commerce 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 Appropriations and House Budget 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 treasury, and the anticipated date(s) of all funds held in escrow. The Dept of Commerce shall provide monthly reports to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the Senate Appropriations and House Budget chairs on the status of economic development programs administered by the department pursuant to chapter 288, FS.
Job Growth Grant Fund (Dept of Commerce)	\$75,000,000 (Line 2365, Page 364)	\$75,000,000	\$50,000,000 (Line 2130, Page 387)
State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) (Dept of Commerce)	\$175,228,833 (Line 2360A, Page 364) SECTION 209. The unexpended balance of funds appropriated to the Dept of Commerce in section 191 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated to the department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the same purpose.	\$175,228,833 Section 194. The unexpended balance of funds appropriated to the Dept of Commerce in section 191 of chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated to the department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the same purpose.	Unexpended Funds remain

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Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program (AHCA, DOH, APD, DCF, DOC and DOH)	\$15,000,000 (Line 195, Page 66) 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, FS, for use in state programs outlined in section 381.02035(3), FS. Funds expended by the AHCA 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, FS. From the funds in Specific Appropriations 215, 216, 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, FS for use in the Medicaid program, as outlined in s. 381.02035(3), FS, for Medicaid-eligible persons. Proviso also funds programs in the APD; DCF, DOC and DOH.	\$15,000,000 (Line 191, Page 48) Funds in Specific Appropriation 191 are provided to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to the parameters of the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program as authorized by section 381.02035, F.S. for use in state programs outlined in section 381.02035(3), F.S. Funds expended by the AHCA for prescriptions utilized by clients of those state programs will be reimbursed to the agency by the appropriate state program office. (Same language in Medicaid program, APD, DOH, DCF, DOC,	\$15,000,000 (Line 191, page 68) Funds in Specific Appropriation 191 are provided to facilitate the purchase of 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 section 381.02035(3), FS. Funds expended by the AHCA for prescriptions used by clients of those state programs will be reimbursed to the agency by the appropriate state program office. The agency shall submit a quarterly report to the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, the Senate Appropriations chair, and the House Budget chair within 30 days after the last business day of the preceding quarter on the status of the program detailing: a list of participating suppliers and importers, the number of unique prescription drugs available under negotiated contracts, and the number of prescriptions dispensed under the program. Proviso also funds programs in the APD; DCF, DOC and DOH.
Prescription Drug for Cell and Gene Therapies for Medicaid Children (AHCA)			SECTION 78 (Page 512) The nonrecurring sums of \$8,526,000 from the General Revenue Fund and \$11,474,000 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration in Specific Appropriation 215 of Chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida, for purchasing prescription drugs used in cell and gene therapies for children who are Medicaid recipients with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy, Hemophilia, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Sickle Cell Disease, and Spinal Muscular Atrophy. No recalculation of managed care capitation payments will be made based on these direct purchases by AHCA. The unexpended balance of these funds on June 30, 2025, shall revert and is appropriated to the agency for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the same purpose.

Other Budget Items of Possible Interest

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Alzheimer's Research-Exablate Neuro-Focused Ultrasound Technology (Dept of Education)	\$5,000,000 (Page 52, Line 9)	\$5,000,000 (Line 147, Page 53)	\$3,000,000 (Line 9, page 54)
Alzheimer's and Dementia Research – University of Florida (Dept of Education)	\$3,500,000 (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	\$5,000,000 (Line 152, page 56, and Line 162A, Page 59)	\$5,000,000
Live Like Bella Initiative (Dept of Health)	\$4,000,000 (Page 123, Line 467, 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.	\$4,000,000 (Line 457C, page 123; Line 475 page 127) Funds in Specific Appropriation 457C are provided for the Live Like Bella Initiative pursuant to s 381.922(2)(c), FS, to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer.	\$4,000,000 (Line 512, page 143, Line 517, page 144) Funds in Specific Appropriation 517 are provided for the Live Like Bella Initiative pursuant to section 381.922(2)(c), FS, to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer

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Florida State University - Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases (Dept of Education)	\$500,000 (Page 53, Line 143)	\$5,000,000 (Line 147, page 53)	\$4,500,000 (Line 147, Page 55)
Pediatric Rare Disease Research Grant Program (Dept of Health)	\$500,000 (Line 545A, Page 135) Funds in Specific Appropriation 546A, 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.	\$500,000 (Line 546, Page 136) Funds in Specific Appropriation 546A, 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.	\$500,000 (Line 510, Page 142) Funds in Specific Appropriation 510 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.
Moffitt Cancer Center (Dept of Health)	\$20,576,930 (Page 51, lines 141) Funds in Specific Appropriation 141 shall be transferred to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to support the operations of this state university system entity. Funds in Specific Appropriation 141 may be transferred to AHCA and used as state matching funds for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to adjust the Medicaid inpatient reimbursement and outpatient trend adjustments applied to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute & other Medicaid reductions to its reimbursements up to the actual Medicaid inpatient & outpatient costs. In the event enhanced Medicaid funding is not implemented by AHCA, these funds shall remain appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to continue the original purpose of providing research & education related to cancer.	\$20,576,930 (Line 145, Page 51) 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 AHCA, the funds shall remain appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to continue the original purpose of providing research, education related to cancer.	\$23,576,930 (Line 145, Page 53) 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.
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center – Firefighter Cancer Research (Dept of Health)	\$3,500,000 (Line 249A, Page 379) Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2490A shall be transferred to the University of Miami-Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for the purpose of Firefighter Cancer Research. The funds shall be used to expand firefighters' access to cancer screenings across the state, enable prevention and earlier detection of the disease, identify exposures that account for increased cancer risk, and field test new technology and methods that measure exposure in the field. The University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center shall develop a report on cancer research outcomes and cancer mitigation efforts being examined. The report shall be submitted to the Senate President, the House Speaker, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Governor by June 15, 2024,		\$3,500,000 (Line 2246A, page 403) Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2246A shall be transferred to the University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for Firefighter Cancer Research. The funds shall be utilized to expand firefighters' access to cancer screenings across the state; enable prevention and earlier detection of the disease; identify exposures that account for increased cancer risk; and field test new technology and methods that measure exposure in the field. The University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center shall develop a report on cancer research outcomes and cancer mitigation efforts being examined. The report shall be submitted to the Senate President, House Speaker, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Governor by June 16, 2026.
University of Miami HIV/AIDS Research	\$1,000,000 (Line 475, Page 126)		\$1,250,000 (line 453, page 136)