



Governor's Post Session Budget FY 2019-2020

On Friday, June 21, [Governor DeSantis signed into law the General Appropriations Act](#), which puts the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget at \$90.98 billion. The Governor vetoed \$131 million in local projects, [the full veto list is available here](#). Below is the BioFlorida budget tracker, none of the priorities BioFlorida supports were included on the veto list.

Issue	Conference Report for SB 2500
James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program (Appropriation 453 and Section 41)	\$10 million Back of the Bill language: allow the unused \$7,700,750 to be reverted and spent in addition to the \$10 million funding this year.
Bankhead & Coley Cancer Research Program (Appropriation 454)	\$10 million Proviso: \$500,000 from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund is provided to maintain the statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program at the McKnight Brain Institute.
Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institutes Centers Program (Appropriation 456)	\$62,228,743 Funds in Specific Appropriation 456 are provided for the Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Centers 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 Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute (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; and the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of Florida Health Shands Cancer Hospital are eligible for Tier 3 designation in the Florida Consortium of NCI Centers Program.
Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program (Appropriation 459)	\$5 million
Enterprise Florida (Appropriation 2325)	\$16 million

<p>Economic Development “Tools” (Appropriation 2321)</p>	<p>\$25,600,000</p> <p>Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2321 are provided to make payments and tax refunds in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the following programs: Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Business Tax Refund; QTI Tax Refund - Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus; Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Refund; High-Impact Business Performance (HIPI) Grant; and Qualified Defense Contractor and Space Flight (QDSC) Business Tax Refund. 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 2321 from the Economic Development Trust Fund represent local matching funds. The Department of Economic Opportunity must provide monthly reports within ten business days after the end of each month to the Executive Office of the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee regarding all escrow activity relating to the Quick Action Closing Fund and the Innovation Incentive Fund 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 Department of Economic Opportunity shall provide monthly reports to the Executive Office of the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee on the status of economic development programs administered by the department under chapter 288, Florida Statutes.</p>
<p>Tax Incentives</p>	<p>The initial tax package proposal that passed the House chamber, HB 7123, had an overall value of approximately \$102 million and included a proposed reduction of the sales tax on commercial leases from the current 5.7 to 5.35%. After negotiations with the Senate in the waning days of session, policy and total funding were adjusted. The final tax package is valued at \$121 million and includes a reduction in the sales tax on commercial leases from 5.7 to 5.5%. Other issues included in the tax package are a sales tax holidays for back-to-school and hurricane supplies, tax refunds on agricultural shipments and an exemption from sales tax on items donated by companies to non-profit organizations.</p>

Additional Biomedical Research Funding Projects

(This is a general list, if any BioFlorida member has a specific inquiry please reach out.)

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<p>Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation</p>	<p>\$3.5 million</p>

(Appropriation 458 and 475)	Proviso: funds are provided to advance progress toward curing pediatric cancer.
Mayo Clinic of Jacksonville (Appropriation 456A)	\$1.5 million Proviso: funds from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund are provided to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center of Jacksonville.
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (Appropriation 475)	\$750,000
Powell Center for Rare Disease Research and Therapy - University of Florida (Appropriation 475)	\$100,000
Mayo Clinic Cancer Center of Jacksonville: Endowed Chair (Appropriation 457)	\$2 million Proviso: funds are provided to the Mayo Cancer Center of Jacksonville to fund an endowed cancer research chair.
Moffitt Cancer Center (Appropriation 146)	\$10,576,930 The funds in Specific Appropriation 146 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 146 may be transferred to the Agency for Health Care Administration 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 Agency for Health Care Administration, 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 – Firefighters Cancer	\$1 million

<p>Research (Appropriations 2450A)</p>	<p>The nonrecurring funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2450A shall be transferred to the University of Miami - Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center for the purpose of 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 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Governor by June 15, 2020.</p>
<p>Florida Atlantic University – Max Planck Scientific Fellowship (Appropriations 147)</p>	<p>\$750,000 \$889,101</p>