

# Florida Department of Health

## Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) Update

**Florida  
HEALTH**

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# Fiscal Year 2024-25 Appropriations

- James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program - \$7.85 million
- Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program - \$10 million  
(Includes \$500,000 appropriated annually to the McKnight Brain Institute paid for through this fund)
- Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Research Initiative - \$3 million

# FY 2024-25 Applications

| Program               | Applications Received | Recommended for Funding |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bankhead-Coley        | 141                   | 13                      |
| James and Esther King | 60                    | 10                      |
| Live Like Bella       | 26                    | 9                       |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>227</b>            | <b>32</b>               |

# FY 2024-25 Bankhead Coley Awards

| Institutions                                                                      | Mechanisms                                                                                               | Area of Focus                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Moffitt Cancer Center (6)<br>University of Miami (4)<br>University of Florida (3) | Clinical Trials (2)<br>Discovery Science (7)<br>Bridge (1)<br>Equipment (1)<br>High Risk/High Reward (2) | Breast Cancer (2)<br>Melanoma (2)<br>Prostate Cancer (3)<br>Renal Cell Carcinoma (1)<br>Multiple neoplasms (1)<br>Lymphoma (1)<br>Lung Cancer (1)<br>Colon Cancer (1)<br>Glioblastoma (1) |

# FY 2024-25 James & Esther King Awards

| Institutions                                                                                                                                  | Mechanisms                                                                                        | Area of Focus                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| University of Miami (4)<br>University of Florida (3)<br>Moffit Cancer Center (1)<br>University of Central Florida (1)<br>Mote Marine Labs (1) | Clinical Trials (1)<br>Discovery Science (5)<br>New Investigator (1)<br>Emerging Therapeutics (3) | Breast Cancer (1)<br>Lung Cancer (3)<br>Pancreatic Cancer (1)<br>Multiple Neoplasms (3)<br>Stroke (2) |

# FY 2024-25 Live Like Bella Awards

| Institutions                                                                                                                                         | Mechanisms                                                                                                               | Area of Focus                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| University of Florida (4)<br>Johns Hopkins All Children's (2)<br>Florida International University (1)<br>Nemours (1)<br>Florida State University (1) | High Risk/High Reward (1)<br>Discovery Science (4)<br>New Investigator (2)<br>Equipment (1)<br>Emerging Therapeutics (1) | Solid Tumors (1)<br>Brain Tumors (4)<br>Ewings Sarcoma (1)<br>Leukemia (1)<br>Neuroblastoma (2) |

# The Florida Cancer Centers of Excellence

- Applications for initial or redesignation were received for the following:
  - Mayo Clinic Florida
  - Memorial Cancer Institute and Florida Atlantic University
  - Mount Sinai Medical Center
  - Orlando Health
  - Tampa General Hospital
- Evaluation of the applications is ongoing.

# Current Cancer Centers of Excellence

- Moffitt Cancer Center
- University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center
- UF Health Cancer Center (includes UF Shands Hospital, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute and Orlando Health's Orlando Regional Medical Center)
- Mayo Clinic Jacksonville
- Memorial Cancer Institute and Florida Atlantic University
- Cleveland Clinic Florida Maroone Cancer Center

# BRAC Strategic Planning:2026-2036

- Current Strategic Plan for BRAC priorities completed in 2015
- New planning process initiated in Fall, 2024
  - Selection of priorities
  - Plan for adaptability as technology/new treatments emerge
  - Alignment with CCRAAB and State Health Improvement Plan Objectives
- Plan expected to be completed by June 2026

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