



## **RESTORE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNDING for the Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

### **Background**

The Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (Sec. 381.93, F.S.) is a state and federally funded program that annually provides more than 14,000 low-income, medically underserved Florida women access to cancer screening and diagnostic testing services. More than 300 of those women screened will be diagnosed with cancer and provided a pathway to lifesaving treatment services through Florida Medicaid.

***Currently, the Florida House and Senate budgets include just over \$300,000 in state funding for the program, effectively cutting Florida's investment by \$1.8 million***

### **Impact**

- The \$1.8 million funding reduction will result in nearly 3,500 Florida women being denied access to screening and early detection services in the coming budget year.
- Federal funding for the program could be jeopardized if state funding is cut, further reducing the number of women served by the program.
- The Florida Department of Health reports that a funding cut of this size could result in staff reductions at county health departments – those staff provide education, outreach, and case management services while also working to maintain contracts with the 729 different medical providers who deliver screening and diagnostic services to eligible women.
- Current funding only allows the program to serve 6.7% of the priority population. More than 197,766 women eligible for these lifesaving screenings cannot access the program due to funding limitations.

**Support \$2.1 million in total state funding the  
Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

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