



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1550

1. **Title of Project:** University of West Florida - Cybersecurity Support

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The UWF Center for Cybersecurity has emerged as a power player, addressing the critical shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the state and country. The UWF Center won NSA/DHS designation as the only Academic Excellence Regional Resource Center for the entire Southeast United States.

UWF collaborates with the Florida Agency for State Technology to provide cutting-edge cybersecurity education and training for state agency personnel and to position Florida as a leader in cybersecurity resilience and workforce development. This year, the Center partnered with the Florida Department of State and election officials across Florida to provide training for supervisors of elections and key personnel to enhance cybersecurity resiliency ahead of the 2018 elections.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Board of Governors

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,970,300
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,970,300</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,970,300	65.8%
Federal	538,103	18.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	484,127	16.2%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>2,992,530</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		600,000	143	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1970300

#### 10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Two Program Coordinators and one outreach coordinator	239,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Three Assistant Professors of Cybersecurity, Four Cybersecurity Instructors, and two faculty advisor supplementals	1,030,900
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cybersecurity range equipment upgrades and maintenance and scholarships for cybersecurity students	700,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,970,300</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**

The requested funds will provide additional classes and certificates to meet the shortage of cybersecurity professionals (estimated 1,500 vacant positions in Northwest Florida alone). Increase capability for training with partner agencies. Position the university as a leader in cybersecurity in the country.

b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Provide additional classes and certifications to meet the shortage of cybersecurity professionals. Support for cybersecurity training, exercises, operations and competitions.

c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Workforce training, supporting UWF's faculty research, hosting local K-12 competitions, and providing prototype services to businesses, entrepreneurs, and members of the public. Scholarships will provide the resources to encourage top high school students to pursue degrees in cybersecurity. Having additional faculty advisors allows for students to have more one on one time with those who are experts in cybersecurity.

d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**



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State cybersecurity professionals, university students, high school and grade school students. Thousands are currently served in our statewide trainings. That number will increase as well as the number of graduates we have.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Improve quality of education by increasing hands-on training and workforce development programs. We will measure number of training courses and programs developed. Increase economic activity by increasing the number of qualified cybersecurity professionals across the state and nation. We will measure number of individuals who complete courses or training programs. Increased number of professionals with core cybersecurity knowledge, skills and abilities that align with the NIST Cybersecurity Workforce Framework

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

All university appropriations are subject to Legislative and Executive Branch review.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** University of West Florida
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** University of West Florida
- b. **County:** Escambia
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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**15. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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