



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1807

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The University of West Florida serves the economic and talent needs of Northwest Florida, home to numerous military bases and a variety of companies that require civil engineers. According to the Florida DEO, civil engineering is one of the fastest growing occupations in the state with a projected job growth of 13.4%. In Northwest Florida, the projected growth is even more pronounced, with the demand for civil engineers expected to grow by 24.6% by 2030. The purpose of this funding request is to start the planning process to offer an ABET-accredited civil engineering program at UWF. The program will give UWF students a unique, hands on experience that prepares them to be leaders in the civil engineering field and it will be student-focused, offering many students opportunities for experiential learning.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,350,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,350,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Design Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Department Chair stipend	11,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Civil engineering lab equipment purchases	314,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Civil engineering program and lab consultant	25,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of UWF space for civil engineering soil and concrete labs	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,350,000

14. Program Performance

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

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



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The activities include: (1) development of an accredited civil engineering program; (2) renovation of current UWF spaces for concrete and soil labs; (3) purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for soil and concrete labs. As part of the curriculum development, the concentrations for ABET accreditation will be planned and integrated into the curriculum with other engineering disciplines and physics currently offered.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

A Bachelors degree pathway in civil engineering will be provided to citizens in the Northwest Florida region and beyond. A majority of UWF students are NW Florida locals, and around 80% of our graduates stay in the state of Florida after graduation.

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

The target population is high school graduates and adult learners in NW Florida with a target of 200 students over a 5-year period.

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

The expected benefit of the project is the preparation and planning for a civil engineering program that will become a talent pipeline for companies in NW Florida who have overwhelmingly articulated a need for civil engineers. UWF has received over a dozen letters of support from local civil engineering firms, as well as local and state government agencies (ECUA, NW Florida Water Management District).

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 the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in a return of funds to administering agency and a discontinuation of the program.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number