



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2002

1. Title of Project: UWF - School Safety Pilot Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

UWF's Center for Behavioral Analysis has extensive expertise to fulfill several of the school safety recommendations from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission report. Leveraging the science of behavior and cutting-edge technology, UWF is uniquely positioned to provide realistic and immersive training to School Resource Officers, those in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program and to the Threat Assessment Teams in our local schools

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	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	750,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 750000

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Wages for faculty and law enforcement trainers, as well as, a program coordinator	532,900
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology maintenance, upkeep and supplies as well as necessary upgrades.	145,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual services with experts outside the universities expertise such as firearm experts.	72,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

11. Program Performance:

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

This appropriation will meet the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission’s recommendation to have armed security who is properly trained in every building and to have proactive Threat Assessment Teams that use behavior to identify aberrant behavior and intervene before they become threats. Our experts in our Center for Behavioral Analysis can train threat assessment teams and provide highly realistic simulator training to include shoot don't shoot scenarios while using the science of behavior.

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

Our experts in our Center for Behavioral Analysis can train threat assessment teams under this new potential guidance from the state and provide methods to deescalate situations and get potential threats help before they become violent. Coupling UWF’s expertise in behavioral science and our new immersive 300 degree virtual simulator, we will provide high-impact, high-stress training to those involved in school safety. We will augment the training with de-escalation techniques by utilizing the science of behavior to help better identify friend from foe and provide shoot no shoot scenarios to our SROs and if you decide to participate in the Guardian program.

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

Funding will operate and staff the facility with the proper expertise to provide the training at no cost to our sheriff and school district partners. De-escalation and preemptive trainings are included in the training package, equipping both professionals with the skills to avoid active shootings and mitigating harm should an active shooter scenario occur on their campus.

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



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School district administrators and faculty. Threat Assessment Team members. School Resource Officers and those in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.

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

Provide training to Threat Assessment Teams that is proactive and gives Threat Assessment teams the skills to recognize threatening or aberrant behavior and intervene before it escalates. We will measure success by having highly trained Threat Assessment Teams operating in our region. Coupling UWF's expertise in behavioral science and our new immersive 300 degree virtual simulator, we will provide high-impact, high-stress training to those involved in school safety. We will augment the training with de-escalation techniques by utilizing the science of behavior to help better identify friend from foe and provide shoot no shoot scenarios to our SROs and if you decide to participate in the Guardian program.

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

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- a. **Organization:** University of West Florida
- b. **County:** Escambia
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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
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