



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3194

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Total enrollment in the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering has increased 31% in the past six years. As enrollment has grown, reserach space has not. A new mechanical engineering program began in the fall semester 2016. Since ME program's inception, there has been a 149% increase in the number of students. This new program and others need significant laboratory space to support the curriculum. Two programs are currently leasing research space in Downtown Pensacola. The building is home to computer science, computer and electrical engineering, physics, and mathematics and statistical programs, and the Center for Cybersecurity. The building space types include research laboratories, offices/conference rooms, and study spaces. Educational Plant Survey: EPS Recommended, March 2022. Subset 3.2. The president a confirming letter dated April 7, 2022, to the Board of Governors and the Director of Finance and Facilities.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	45,249,455
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>45,249,455</b>

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)	45,249,455	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>45,249,455</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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

No

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/01/2027

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.

University of West Florida

13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Basic construction costs, environmental impacts/mitigation, site preparation, landscape/irrigation, plaza/walks, roadway improvements, telecommunications, electrical service, water distribution, sanitary sewer system, chilled water system, storm water system, permits, test, surveys, and furniture and equipment.	45,249,455
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>45,249,455</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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This project will allow UWF to increase our current capacity for STEM programs and enrollment. The Science & Engineering Wing will allow for more laboratory space and decrease our reliance on current external leased spaces.

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

Additional classroom, laboratory, and student spaces will allow the computer science, computer and electrical engineering, physics, and mathematics and statistical programs to grow and support the states workforce demands in the STEM disciplines.

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

STEM graduate students ready to hit the job market.

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

The target population is UWF's STEM program students. In fall of the 2022-23 academic year the School of Science & Engineering had over 3,500 students.

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

The success of the project will be identified by showing an increased engagement in students in the STEM discipline.

**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.

**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