



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1208

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 the northwest Florida region home to numerous military bases and a variety of companies that require civil engineers. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Civil Engineering is one of the fastest growing occupations in the state with a projected job growth of 13.4%. In the northwest Florida region 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 establish and offer an ABET-accredited Civil Engineering program at the campuses of the University of West Florida. The program will give UWF students a unique, hands-on experience that prepares them to be leaders in the Civil Engineering field; it will be student-focused and offer students many opportunities for experiential learning.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	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 2024-2025	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,350,000	143	No

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.

HEERF Funds.

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
 N/A

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.

University of West Florida - an institution belonging to the State University System.

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 of Civil Engineering Chair	203,465
Other Salary and Benefits	Office Administrator, Laboratory Manager, Academic Advisor	215,870
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expense Budget (includes ABET Accreditation fees)	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	11 Faculty (instruction and research) to support and manage Civil Engineering curriculum	1,050,665
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the requested funds is to offer the Civil Engineering curriculum and provide space for new students. The end- goal is to offer an ABET-accredited Bachelor's degree program in Civil Engineering at the campuses of the University of West Florida with an overall 5-year enrollment target at 200 students per year and a 5-year graduation target at 50 students per year.



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

The activities will include: (1) development of an ABET-accredited Civil Engineering curriculum, (2) offering of an ABET-accredited Civil Engineering curriculum, and (3) purchase of necessary equipment and supplies for Civil Engineering labs. A part of the curriculum development, the concentrations for ABET accreditation will be planned and integrated into the curriculum, and shared resources with other Engineering disciplines and physics will be determined.

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

A Bachelor's degree pathway in Civil Engineering will be provided to citizens in the northwest Florida region and beyond.

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

The target population for the Civil Engineering program are high school graduates and adult learners in the northwest Florida region. The 5-year plan is to build to 200 students participating in the Civil Engineering program per year.

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 this project is the establishment of a Civil Engineering program that will become a talent pipeline for companies in northwest Florida who have articulated a need for Civil Engineers. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is the enrollment numbers and the number of Civil Engineer graduates each year.

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