



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1203

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of a Research Wing addition to the Science and Engineering Building #4, to support growth of the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering in providing on campus facilities for our largest growing college. This is a Multi-year Project having a total project cost of \$47,339,062, with prior/current Phased Funding Appropriations Requests as follows:
 - Phase One previously included as an FY23-24 appropriation in the amount of \$21,122,335.
 - Phase Two to be included in this FY24-25 request in the proposed additional amount of \$26,216,727.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	26,216,727
Total State Funds Requested	26,216,727

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)	26,216,727	55%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	21,122,335	45%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	47,339,062	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	21,122,335	18	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2 mo. post funds

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

30 mo. post start

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 - 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		0
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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction: Costs for construction of Science and Engineering Research Wing.	26,216,727
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		26,216,727

14. Program Performance

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

The project scope proposes additional research space for multiple engineering programs. Enrollment has grown in Electrical, Computer and Mechanical Engineering; Computer Science; Information Technology; and Mathematics and Statistics programs. Research space for these programs has not. Currently space is leased in multiple facilities off campus, which increases university costs and provides barriers to learning for students.

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



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Construction of a new Science and Engineering Research Wing building addition is proposed for UWF Building 04. The building addition will provide for expanded research space for multiple programs including: Cybersecurity, Power, Unmanned Systems, Material Science, Robotics, Intelligent Systems, Computing, and Analytics.

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

Campus Improvement: A new mechanical engineering program began at UWF in the 2016 fall semester. Since the ME program's inception, there has been a 149% increase in the number of students. This program and others need significant laboratory space to support the curriculum. Multiple programs are currently leasing research space in downtown Pensacola.

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

University Students, Faculty and Staff: 14,000+ students, 1,000+ faculty/staff.

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

Currently UWF is leasing research space in downtown Pensacola. When constructed, the building addition will allow for labs currently housed in remote off campus leased facilities to be brought back to campus. The project will provide expanded research space and contribute directly to the overall enhanced educational experience for students.

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**

e. E-mail Address



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f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number