

## University of Alaska FY22 Technical Vocational Education Program

Thank you for your interest in the FY22 University of Alaska (UA) Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP). This program is an important tool for UA to respond to employment trends and prepare Alaska's workforce. The statewide and regional impacts of COVID-19 present an even greater opportunity to utilize TVEP funding to collaborate with internal and external partners to help reskill and upskill Alaskans and get them back to work to support Alaska's economic recovery.

During the last legislative session, TVEP was reauthorized for FY21 and unless reauthorized again will sunset June 30, 2021. Along with pending reauthorization, there could be a potential reduction in FY22 funding due to the increased rate of unemployment from the pandemic. TVEP is funded through unemployment insurance. As unemployment increases, the amount being contributed to TVEP decreases. While there are unknowns, we will be utilizing multiple avenues to advocate for a successful reauthorization and to maintain this critical source of funding that supports workforce development across the state.

The TVEP Request for Proposals provides you with all the information you need to submit a proposal for TVEP. You can also contact your campus representatives from the UA Workforce Development Committee for any specific details on this program and how you can develop the best proposal.

The requests for workforce development program funding are routed through the Office of the Provost at each university to the UA Workforce Development Committee. Current committee members include (*\*Please submit TVEP requests and status reports to your university's designated point of contact*):

### UA Statewide

- **Teri Cothren\***, Associate Vice President, Workforce Development

### UAA

- **Bonnie Nygard\***, Director, Workforce Development
- Susan Kalina, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness

### UAF

- **Michele Stalder\***, Dean, Community and Technical College (CTC)
- Bryan Uher, Dean, College of Rural & Community Development  
(All TVEP requests and status reports for CTC go to Dean Stalder; all TVEP requests and status reports for rural campuses go to the **local campus director\***; all other UAF requests and status reports go to **Provost Prakash\***)

UAS

- **Priscilla Schulte\***, Director, Ketchikan Campus
- Pete Traxler, Executive Dean, Career Education

UA Community Campus Directors Council

- Dan O'Connor, Director, Prince William Sound College

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

- Louise Dean, Executive Director, State of Alaska Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

The guidelines, request for funding forms, and status report form are attached. Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria in the guidelines and should reflect the identified constraints and distribution priority principles. Please summarize the program for which the request is intended and clearly articulate the need for the investment as well as the value it will bring to your program.

NOTE: Current TVEP recipients must submit proposals to be considered for new or continued TVEP funding.

Programs that are seeking TVEP funding and are also included in the Board of Regents budget for legislative funding should also submit TVEP proposals. Programs that receive general funds (GF) from the state will be identified by the UA Budget and Planning Office and removed from the TVEP consideration list if funded.

For additional information on TVEP history, the review process and considerations, reference the manual at <http://www.alaska.edu/research/wd/funding/>.

Sincerely,



Teri Cothren, Associate Vice President  
University of Alaska Workforce Development

Attachments:

- UA FY22 Workforce Development Guidelines
- UA FY22 Funding Request Form
- UA FY21 Status Report Form
- UA FY21 Unencumbered Funding Request Form

**University of Alaska**  
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***Workforce Development Funding (WFD) Guidelines***

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The following constraints and distribution priority principles will be applied by the UA Workforce Development Committee when recommending proposals for funding.

**WFD Funding Source Constraints**

- WFD funding can be used for specific WFD education and training program needs, including industry specific training, on-the-job training and institutional or classroom job-linked training. (ref. AS 23.15.840).
- The intended uses of WFD funding are to:
  - Allow UA the ability to be responsive in meeting occupational training priorities that strengthen the local economies.
  - Address one-time infrastructure and/or equipment needs for workforce development programs.
  - Develop and enhance partnerships with the State’s K-12 system and regional industries by creating career pathway materials and programs that lead to high-demand jobs in Alaska.
- For continuation requests entering year two or three, the maximum amount a program would be allowed to receive is the previous year’s approved funding level. For continuing programs entering year four, the maximum amount a program is allowed to receive would be 95% of the amount approved in the previous year. This maximum amount will continue to decline by 5% thereafter.
- If requesting budget items that could be one-time purchases in year one of a continuation requests (i.e., equipment), additional explanation will be necessary to fund the same budget items in year two and beyond. If equipment was purchased during year one and new equipment is needed that is beyond the scope of the original request, a separate one-time request should be submitted for the new equipment.

**WFD Funding Distribution Priority Principles**

- Address industry sector workforce development plans endorsed by AWIB. For more information review Alaska’s [workforce development plans](#).
- Align with university priorities. For more information review [Shaping Alaska’s Future](#).
- Meet high demand and/or regional workforce needs, increase innovative work-based learning opportunities (i.e., job shadowing, internships, apprenticeship, etc.) that provide greater relevancy to students’ learning and future careers, improve access and flexibility of training delivery, improve persistence of educational progress, promote collaboration across the UA system to leverage resources and align programs, and/or expand partnerships with industry/communities. For more information review the [UA Workforce Development Priorities and Guidelines](#).
- Demonstrate ability to garner match funding and/or a plan for maintaining the program after TVEP funding.

**FY22 Priority Career Clusters**

\*Priority clusters determined by the UA Workforce Development Committee, based on state and industry priorities that will support and strengthen Alaska’s local economies.

- **Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (Includes Fisheries, Energy, Environmental Science & Green Jobs)\***
- **Architecture & Construction\***
- Arts, AV Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- **Education & Training\***
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- **Health Sciences\***
- **Hospitality & Tourism\***
- **Human Services\***
- **Information Technology\***
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- **Manufacturing (Includes Mining & Process Technology)\***
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- **Transportation, Distribution & Logistics\* (Includes Maritime)**

**Proposed Timeline**

January 15, 2021	<b>FY21 TVEP Status Reports</b> due to your University TVEP point of contact
January 15, 2021	<b>FY21 TVEP Unencumbered Funding Request Proposals</b> due to your University TVEP point of contact
February 5, 2021	<b>FY22 TVEP Funding Request Proposals</b> due to your University TVEP point of contact
February 2021	Notification to universities for FY21 unencumbered funding to programs
April 2021	Notification of approval for FY22 continuation and first-time funding for planning purposes – distributions will be contingent on the legislative reauthorization of TVEP, the Governor’s signature approving reauthorization, and legislative action to pass a state operating budget for FY22
June 30, 2021	<b>End of FY21</b>
July	Upon successful reauthorization and legislative action to pass a state FY22 operating budget, notification of approval will be distributed for FY22 one-time funding and the FY22 TVEP funds will be distributed as early as possible
October 2021	UA system performance report due to DOLWD for annual report to the Alaska Legislature