

University of Alaska FY23 Technical Vocational Education Program

Thank you for your interest in the FY23 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 recognized as a critical source of funding that supports workforce development across the state and was reauthorized for three years. TVEP is funded through unemployment insurance. As unemployment increases, the amount being contributed to TVEP decreases. Due to a sustained increase in unemployment from the pandemic, there could be a potential reduction in FY23 funding.

The TVEP Request for Proposals provides you with 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

- Deanne Woodard, Associate Vice Provost, Targeted Programs
- **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

- Kyla Pomrenke, Acting Executive Director, State of Alaska Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

The guidelines, request for funding, and status report forms 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 FY23 Workforce Development Guidelines
UA FY23 Funding Request Form
UA FY22 Status Report Form

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FY23 Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP)
Workforce Development Funding (WFD) Guidelines

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 93% of the amount approved in the previous year. This maximum amount will continue to decline by 7% thereafter. Continuation requests are contingent on annual review and approval and can be funded for a maximum of seven years.
- 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 the Goals and Measures established by the Board of Regents to help UA focus effort and investment into initiatives that serve the higher education needs of Alaska.
- 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.

FY23 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 14, 2022	FY22 TVEP Status Reports due to your University TVEP point of contact
January	Refer to your university’s instructions for the internal unencumbered process
February 4, 2022	FY23 TVEP Funding Request Proposals due to your University TVEP point of contact
February 2022	Notification of FY22 unencumbered funding to programs is provided internally within each university
April 2022	Notification of approval for FY23 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 FY23
June 30, 2022	End of FY22
July	Upon successful legislative action to pass a state FY23 operating budget, the FY23 TVEP funds will be distributed as early as possible
October 2022	UA system performance report due to DOLWD for annual report to the Alaska Legislature