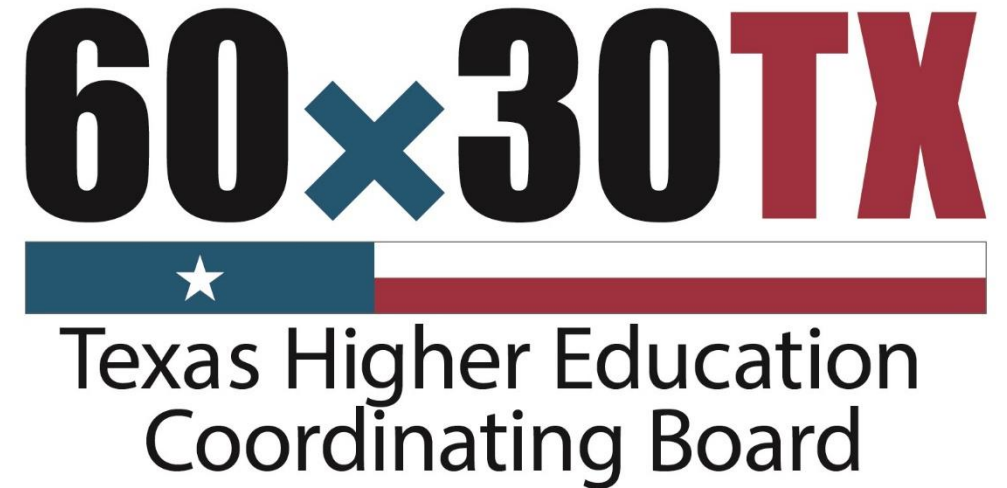


Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program Round 2 for Round 1 Grantees

January 6, 2021



Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program

Funding:

\$46.5 million

Purpose:

Support for displaced Texas workers who need to reskill or upskill to move quickly back into the workforce and Texas students who have previously stopped out of higher education institutions without completing a postsecondary credential.

Coverage:

Tuition/fees for students pursuing credentials of value

Grant Competition

- Open to all public two and four-year institutions and technical colleges in Texas
- Funds to be used exclusively for student tuition and fees (last dollar awards) and deployed as rapidly as possible by grantee institutions
- Grant must be expended by the end of the grant period – February 15, 2022

Student Awards

- Last dollar after any federal, state or institutional gift aid received
- Not to exceed an eligible student's demonstrated financial need
- To be used only for tuition and fees
- Be between \$500 and \$2,500 per semester/term but not to exceed \$2,500

RFA Section 5.2

Notable Points for Round 2

- Round 1 Grantees are eligible to apply for Round 2.
- Public higher education institutions that are not Round 1 grantees will receive priority, but this should not dissuade Round 1 Grantees from applying again.
- Round 1 Grantees may apply only once for Round 2.
 - If a consortium member, Round 1 Grantees can apply as part of a consortium or as a single institution, but only apply once. Round 1 grantees can join a consortium or partnership for Round 2, but only apply once.
- Requirements for Round 1 are not changed by requirements for Round 2.

Eligible Students

- Texas residents eligible for in-state tuition as determined by the institution;
- Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Have financial need and are eligible for federal Title IV aid. Students who are enrolled in short-term non-eligible Title IV workforce credential programs but who are otherwise Title IV eligible may be included;
- Have affirmed they were affected by COVID-19. Institutions may establish their own processes for determining COVID-19 impact;
- Are enrolled in an eligible undergraduate or short-term workforce credential program on either a full time or part time basis;
- Have not been enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution in the previous academic (long) semester or previous six months; **and**
- Are **within twelve months or 75% or more** of completing their credential program.

RFA Section 5.2, Appendix A

Eligible Programs

- **High-Value Short-Term Workforce Credential Programs**

High-value short-term workforce credential programs of fewer than 60 Semester Credit Hours

Credential programs that may be converted to credit or are stackable to credit-bearing programs, Level 1 Certificates, Level 2 Certificates, Level 3 Enhanced Skills Awards and Advanced Technology Certificates

Eligible high value workforce credential programs must either:

Be aligned with high value occupations in the region as determined by the most recent TWC Target Occupations regional list; or

Be aligned with high value occupations offering above-average wages and strong job placement for the region as determined by the institution following examination of pertinent labor market information in partnership with regional employers and in consultation with the Regional Workforce Development Board.

- **Undergraduate Degree Programs**

Associate's and Baccalaureate programs that an eligible student's prior academic credits will enable the student to complete within twelve months of enrollment in this program

[RFA Sections 5.2, 7.2, Appendix A](#)

Grant Requests

Award Size	Minimum # of Students Supported	Maximum Number of Awards
\$1,500,000	1,000	15
\$750,000	500	20
\$300,000	200	20
\$112,500	75	20

Supplemental Awards

- The lead institution for partnerships or consortia may request a supplemental award of up to \$50,000 in addition to the main award covering tuition and fees.
- The supplemental award may be used for additional coverage of student tuition and fees, marketing to potential students, trainings, and institutional research costs directly associated with the support of the partnership or consortium.
- THECB expects to make up to 15 supplemental awards to support partnerships or consortia.

RFA Sections 2.1., 6.2.1

Selection Criteria – Core Factors

- Degree to which the submitted plan matches program priorities
- Strength/clarity of the rationale supporting the selection of high value credentials and undergraduate degree programs
- Strength/clarity of the aid distribution plan
- Track record/assurances regarding the capacity to identify and track the students provided support

RFA Section 7.3, Appendix C

Additional Selection Criteria – Bonus Points

- Compelling additional information on the COVID-19 related needs of students and plans for outreach to prospective students
- Plan of action to deploy funds rapidly
- Establishment or expansion of partnerships or consortia with other public IHEs
- 30% or more of enrolled students at the institution(s) hold At Risk status

RFA Section 7.3, Appendix C

Application

- Certification
- Grant Request
- Contact Information
- Project Summary
 - Credential Programs selected
 - Description of how Credential Programs Selection
 - Description of Distribution Plan
 - Information on Students Identification and Tracking

Application Continued

- Description of Applicant(s)
 - Rationale for request
 - Level of commitment
 - If applicable, rationale for partnership or consortium and sharing of responsibilities
- Assessment of Need
- Projected Timeline and Estimated Numbers of Students Supported
- At Risk Students

Resources

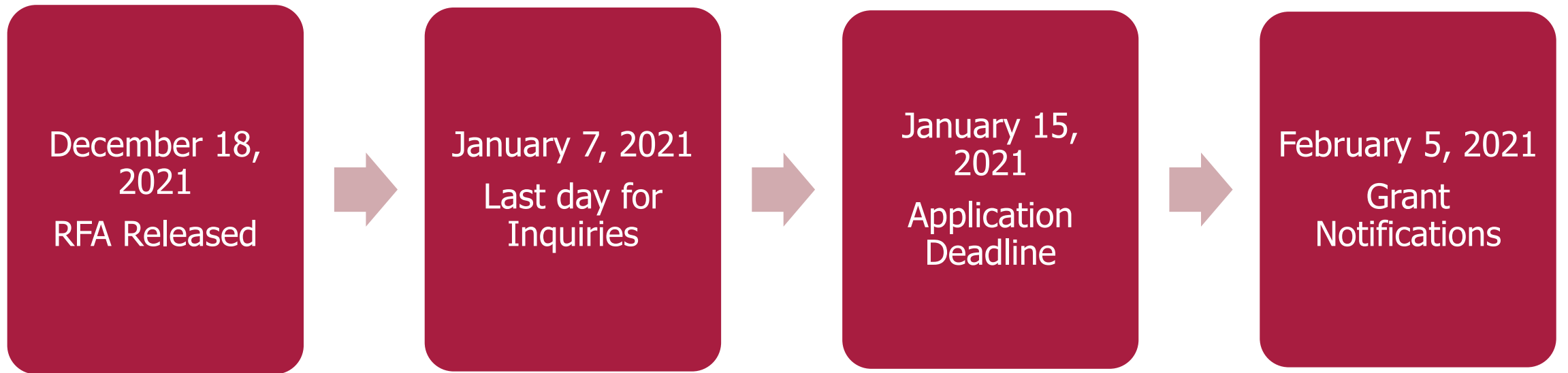
- Texas Workforce Commission Target Occupations by Region
- Consultations with Employers, local Workforce Boards, Employer Advisory Committees
- Institutional Research on Labor Market Trends
 - Perkins CLNA or WIOA
- Texas Workforce Development Toolkit

Grantee Reporting Schedule

- 1st Program and Financial Report reporting on February through May 2021 May 30, 2021
- 2nd Program and Financial Report reporting on June through July 2021 August 30, 2021
- 3rd Program and Financial Report reporting on August through December 2021 December 15, 2021
- 4th Final Program and Financial Report reporting on January through February 2022 March 15, 2022

RFA Sections 10.2, 10.3

Application Calendar



Questions

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