

Texas Higher Education COORDINATING BOARD

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT ADDENDUM #1 for Grant Announcement #1523 Perkins Basic Grant Program 2027

Date: 6/9/2026

Purpose of Addendum:

This Addendum replaces, amends, clarifies, or supplements the referenced original solicitation. Specifically, the purpose of this Addendum is to include a link to the updated Perkins Administrative Manual for reference.

Items Changed:

[Page 4] Overview of Funding Opportunity. Addition of URL:
<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/contracts/workforce-education/perkins/perkins-administrative-manual-fy-2027/>

This Addendum is part of and incorporated into the above named solicitation. Where the provisions of any Addenda differ from the original solicitation, the Addenda shall take precedence. All other terms and conditions not specifically affected by this Addendum will remain unchanged.

Federal-Funded Grant Announcement

Perkins Basic Grant Program

Appropriation Year (AY) 2027

Grant Announcement# 1523

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. CT, July 10, 2026

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OVERVIEW OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Perkins V provides financial support for innovation and program improvement in career and technical education (CTE) at both secondary and postsecondary levels. Information contained herein is intended to align with the Perkins Administrative Manual and other resources used by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB or agency) for administration of the Perkins Grant Program.

Program Title

Perkins Basic Grant Program (Perkins Basic)

Synopsis of Program

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), Public Law (PL) 115-224, amends the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. The Act was signed into law July 31, 2018, and went into effect July 1, 2019.

The purpose of the Act is to develop more fully the academic knowledge, technical skills, and employability of secondary and postsecondary education students who enroll in career and technical education (CTE) programs and programs of study.

Program Authority

Statutory Authority

Public Law 115-224, 20 USC 2301 et seq. "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act", which is also referred to as "Perkins V."

General administrative regulations governing all federal grants, including those under Perkins V, are found in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR), Part 200, known as the [Uniform Grant Guidance](#).

Additional Applicable Law and Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 34, Part 300, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (P.L. 108-446)

CFR, Title 34, Part 76, General Requirements,* Part 400, Vocational and Applied Technology Education Programs-General Provisions,* and Part 403, State Vocational and Applied Technology Education Program*¹

Texas Administrative Code

Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 2, Chapter Section 75

General Provision for Grant Administration: Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 10, Subchapter A

Source of Funding:

* Where not superseded by the requirements of Perkins V.

Point of Contact

All inquiries and communications concerning this Grant Announcement shall be directed in writing via email to:

Melinda Valdez, Ed.D.
Assistant Director, Academic and Workforce Affairs
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Email: Perkins@highered.texas.gov

Grant Program Website:

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/woforce-education-overview/carl-d-perkins-grant/perkins-basic-request-for-applications/>

Inquiries

All inquiries shall be directed to the Point of Contact. Applicants and prospective applicants must not discuss an Application, including a Notice of Intent to Apply, or this Grant Announcement with any other THECB employee unless authorized by the Point of Contact. Applicant may only rely on written responses from THECB.

Addendum

Any modified requirements to the Grant Announcement will be sent in the form of an addendum and posted on the program's page on the agency's website.

AWARD SUMMARY

Selection for Funding

The program utilizes a formula/allocation-based funding model to determine award amounts for each eligible applicant.

THECB staff shall make a recommendation for award consistent with THECB Texas Administrative Code Rule, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, §1.16.

Total Amount for Award

THECB expects to award approximately 51 grants (Grant Award) to eligible applicants from an estimated grand total of \$32,904,177.

Grant Period

The Grant Period will begin upon the execution of the grant agreement or on September 1, 2026, whichever is later, and will conclude on August 31, 2027. Awarded Applicants will have obligations that extend beyond the Grant Period.

At THECB's sole discretion, the THECB's continuation of funding is contingent upon the Awarded Applicant's compliant use of grant funds in accordance with the grant agreement terms and conditions and successful achievement of established benchmarks and reporting deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Applicants

As defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual, entities in the following category and located in Texas are eligible to apply for a Perkins Basic Grant Award:

- Texas public postsecondary institution that offers CTE courses leading to a technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree.

Eligible Projects

The applicant shall meet the requirements of the Perkins Grant Program's Local "Basic" Application as defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual. Additionally, an applicant must address the goals and objectives of the Perkins V Texas State Plan 2024-2028 under the requirements of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, which can be found at:

<https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ224/PLAW-115publ224.pdf>

The applicant shall address findings of the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) as discussed in the Manual for student performance, CTE programs, implementation of programs of study, CTE faculty and personnel, and equal access to high-quality CTE program. Applicant shall address Goal 1, Attainment of Postsecondary Credentials, of the Building a Talent Strong Texas Strategic Plan for Higher Education Plan (Building a Talent Strong Texas - THECB) in the Local Application.

Maximum Number of Applications Per Applicant

An Eligible Applicant may submit a maximum of one (1) Application.

Notice of Intent to Apply

A Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) is not required.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Application Deadline: 11:59p.m. CT, July 10, 2026

Applications must be:

- completed in accordance with this Grant Announcement
- submitted by an authorized agent of the Applicant entity
- submitted via the [agency's Grant Management System](#) (GMS).

*Late or incomplete Applications will not be accepted. Applications not submitted electronically via the agency's grant management system will **not** be accepted. THECB will not accept mailed, emailed, hand-delivered, or faxed Applications.*

THECB Confirmation of Application Receipt

THECB shall not be responsible for Applications that are delayed, blocked, or otherwise prevented from successful submission within the GMS due to user error, connectivity issues, or security setting on the applicant's network or device. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit early to avoid potential technical issues near the submission deadline.

THECB will confirm receipt of each application through the agency's GMS. If an applicant does not receive such written confirmation within the system, the applicant must contact the Point of Contact listed within three (3) state business days of the deadline. Applicants are responsible for retaining proof, as indicated by the official GMS timestamp.

Application Delivery and Late Applications

Applications must be submitted by an authorized agent of the Applicant.

Applications shall be considered to be "on time" if they are received on or before the date and time of established deadlines. The applicant is solely responsible for ensuring that the application is successfully submitted in the agency's GMS by 11:59p.m. CT, July 10, 2026. Failure to submit a complete application by the deadline will result in disqualification from consideration. Late applications, regardless of the circumstances, will not be accepted or reviewed.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Funding Restrictions

Perkins Basic Grant funds shall not be substituted for any other funds available to the Applicant or any program or project partners. Awarded funds shall be spent only on expenses that support the grant as documented in the Applicant's budget.

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

As described by the Perkins Administrative Manual:

Funds must be spent for reasonable and necessary costs in conducting grant activities. Reasonable means a cost is consistent with prudent business practice and comparable to current market value. Necessary means the cost is essential for the Awarded Applicant to accomplish the objectives of the project. The Awarded Applicant must comply with the applicable federal cost principles in expending grant funds.

Additional reference: reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/contracts/rfo-rfp-rfq-rfa/perkins-allowable-cost-guide/

Budget Changes

As defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual:

The Awarded Applicant shall contact the THECB to notify staff of [budget] changes [within a fiscal year] to the grant. All changes to the approved budget require advance notice and [written] approval [from the Point of Contact]. Costs incurred without prior approval of budget changes may result in grant funds not covering costs and an institution being responsible for payment. If unapproved costs are found after the program year has ended, an institution may need to refund THECB. All budget changes must be submitted through the Grant Management System.

All budget transfers across the allowable budget categories that exceed 10% of the total Grant Award must receive prior written approval from the Point of Contact.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD FUNDS

Issuance of Grant Award

Following completion of all negotiations between THECB and Applicants and the subsequent award announcements, a Grant Agreement will be generated by the GMS and routed to each Awarded Applicant for signature through Docusign. The Grant Agreement becomes effective on the date it is executed, or on September 1, 2026, whichever is later. Throughout this Grant Announcement, the terms "Grant Agreement," "Award," and "Grant" are used interchangeably.

The Award must be executed by an individual authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement on behalf of the Applicant. Upon execution of a Grant Agreement resulting from this Grant Announcement, the term "Applicant" shall have the same meaning as "Awarded Applicant" or "Grantee." The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a state agency, may also be referred to as the "THECB," "Board," or "Agency." At times, THECB or "Board" and Awarded Applicant are referred to singularly as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

Funds Disbursement and Payment Terms

Awarded Applicant shall receive payments through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. THECB shall not disburse awarded funds until the Grant Agreement has been fully executed.

Subsequent to full Grant Agreement execution, Grant Award funds will be disbursed according to the following provision:

- Awarded Applicant will be reimbursed for costs incurred based on the Awarded Applicant

submitting and THECB's acceptance of required reporting as described in the executed Grant Agreement.

Last Day to Incur Expenses

As defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual:

Perkins [Basic] does not allow colleges to carry over unexpended funds from one fiscal year to the next. All allowable grant-related expenses must be incurred on or before August 31, 2027. Expenses incurred after this date cannot be charged to Perkins Basic. More than 50% of Perkins funds should be spent by the third quarter of the fiscal year.

Grant Extension

Grant Extensions are not allowable for this grant opportunity.

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

THECB staff shall monitor, review and oversee Perkins Basic Grant Program progress and compliance through required monitoring and reporting to ensure that grant commitments are met and that all program and financial activities related to the award are accurate and appropriate.

Monitoring

As required and defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual.

Reporting

As required and defined by the Perkins Administrative Manual and executed Grant Agreement. Awarded Applicant shall submit written performance and financial reports through the Grant Management System by the due dates specified within the executed Grant Agreement.

Changes to Key Personnel

If awarded, Applicant must request prior written approval from the Point of Contact listed in this Grant Announcement to change any key personnel that are identified by name or position in the application or grant agreement.

Appendix A: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply:

1. **Activity** - A specific course of action to achieve one or more of the objectives of a project in the time specified.
2. **Administration** - Activities necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the eligible agency or recipient's duties under this act, including the supervision of such activities. Such terms do not include curriculum development activities, personnel development, or research activities. (Perkins V, Section 3(1)).
3. **Applicant** – An eligible applicant is a Texas public postsecondary institution that offers CTE courses leading to a technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree.
4. **Application** – The document(s) submitted in response to a Grant Announcement or other notice of a grant funding opportunity which include but are not limited to a budget and project description.
5. **Articulation Agreement** - A written commitment:
 - A. that is agreed upon at the state level or approved annually by the lead administrators of:
 - i. a secondary institution and a postsecondary educational institution; or
 - ii. a sub baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary educational institution and baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary educational institution; and
 - B. to a program that is:
 - i. designed to provide students with a nonduplicative sequence of progressive achievement leading to technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate, or a degree; and
 - ii. linked through credit transfer agreements between the two institutions described in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) (as the case may be). (Perkins V, Section 3(4)).
6. **Authorized Agent or Representative** – Any person who acts on behalf of or who is authorized to commit a participant in a covered transaction.
7. **Awarded Applicant** – The successful recipient ultimately awarded a Grant by THECB who is responsible for performing all activities required to fully comply with Grant performance requirements and all Grant terms and conditions.
8. **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** — Organized educational activities that:
 - A. offer a sequence of courses that:
 - i. provides individuals with rigorous academic content and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions, which may include high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations;
 - ii. provides technical skill proficiency or a recognized postsecondary credential, which may include an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and
 - iii. may include prerequisite courses (other than a remedial course) that meet the requirements of this subparagraph;
 - B. include competency-based, work-based, or other applied learning that supports the

development of academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual; and

C. to the extent practicable, coordinate between secondary and postsecondary education programs through programs of study, which may include coordination through articulation agreements, early college high school programs, dual or concurrent enrollment program opportunities, or other credit transfer agreements that provide postsecondary credit or advanced stang. (Perkins V, Section 3(5)).

9. **Consortium** - Not less than two eligible postsecondary institutions collaboratively offering career and technical education and services, one of which will serve as the fiscal agent. Consortia shall demonstrate how the programs offered through the partnership are mutually beneficial to all members within the partnership and agree that funds are used only for programs authorized under Perkins V. Each member institution in a consortium shall meet the THECB standard for size, scope, and quality of programs on its own. Funds may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium for purposes or programs benefiting only one member of the consortium. (Perkins V, Section 3(19)(a))

10. **Core Indicators of Performance** - Section 113(b)(2) of Perkins V defines the new core indicators of performance as:

Postsecondary Retention and Placement (1P1): The percentage of CTE concentrators who, during the second quarter after program completion, remain enrolled in postsecondary education, are in advanced training, military service, or a service program that receives assistance under Title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (codified as Title 42 of United States Code [42 USC], Section 12511 et seq.), are volunteers as described in Section 5(a) of the Peace Corps Act (codified as 22 USC 2504(a)), or are placed or retained in employment.

Earned Recognized Postsecondary Credential (2P1)*: The percentage of CTE concentrators who receive a recognized postsecondary credential during participation in or within one year of program completion.**

*A recognized postsecondary credential is defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act as "A credential consisting of an industry-recognized certificate or certification, a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship, a license recognized by the State or Federal Government, or an associate or baccalaureate degree."

**Note: A student is counted under this indicator whether the student obtains the credential during participation or within one year of completion, meaning the student would be counted if the student obtains the credential in the one year following that student's completion of the program.

Non-traditional Program Enrollment (3P1): The percentage of CTE concentrators in career and technical education programs and programs of study that lead to nontraditional fields.

11. **Cost of Attendance** - Attendance costs include:

- A. tuition and fees, as determined by the institution, include costs for rental or purchase of any equipment, materials, or supplies required of all students undertaking the same course of study and the same academic workload; and
- B. an allowance for books, supplies, transportation, dependent care, and miscellaneous personal expenses for a student attending the institution on at least a half-time basis, as determined

by the institution.

Note that the portion of any student financial assistance received under Perkins V that is made available for attendance costs is not considered as income or resources in determining eligibility for assistance under any other program funded as a whole or in part with federal funds.

12. **CTE Concentrator** - At the postsecondary level, a student enrolled in an eligible recipient who has:
 - A. earned at least 12 credits within a career and technical education program or program of study; or
 - B. completed such a program if the program encompasses fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent in total. (Perkins V, Section 3(12)).
13. **CTE Participant** - Individual who completes not less than one course in a career and technical education program or program of study of an eligible recipient, as determined by Higher Education General Information Survey codes. (Perkins V, Section 3(13)).
14. **Eligible Agency** - A state board designated or created consistently with state law as the sole state agency responsible for the administration of career and technical education in the state or for the supervision of the administration of career and technical education in the state. (Perkins V, Section 3(18)).
15. **Eligible Applicant** — Per Perkins V, Section 3(21):
 - A. a local educational agency, an area career and technical education school, an educational service agency, an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal educational agency or a consortium, eligible to receive assistance under Perkins V, Section 131; or
 - B. an eligible institution or consortium of eligible institutions eligible to receive assistance under Perkins V, Section 132.
16. **Eligible Institution** - Per Perkins V, Section 3(20):
 - A. a consortium of two of the entities described in subparagraphs (B) through (H);
 - B. a public institution of higher education that offers and will use funds provided under this title in support of career and technical education courses that lead to technical skill proficiency or a recognized postsecondary credential, including an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree. All educational institutions must be able to generate \$50,000 and meet criteria for size, scope, and quality.
 - C. a local educational agency providing education at the postsecondary level;
 - D. an area career and technical education school providing education at the postsecondary level;
 - E. an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal education agency that operates a school or may be present in the state;
 - F. a postsecondary educational institution controlled by the Bureau of Indian Education or operated by or on behalf of any Indian tribe that is eligible to contract with the Secretary of the Interior for the administration of programs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) or the Act of April 16, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5342 et seq.);
 - G. a tribally controlled college or university; or
 - H. an educational service agency.
17. **Eligible Recipient** - Per Perkins V, Section 3(21):
 - A. a local educational agency, an area career and technical education school, an educational

- service agency, an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal educational agency or a consortium, eligible to receive assistance under Perkins V, Section 131; or
- B. an eligible institution or consortium of eligible institutions eligible to receive assistance under Perkins V, Section 132.
18. **Expend(ed)** – Time at which incurred costs are actually paid.
19. **Formula Funds** - Funds available to all eligible postsecondary educational institutions on a non-competitive basis, pursuant to Section 132 of Perkins V, for the purpose of improving career and technical education.
20. **Grant Agreement** – A legal instrument of financial assistance between the Coordinating Board and a grantee or Applicant to transfer grant funds in accordance with state law, federal law, and the General Appropriations Act, as applicable, and to set forth the terms and conditions of the grant award.
21. **Grant Management System** – Grant management portal for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: <https://thecb.fluxx.io/>
22. **Incur(red)** – Costs that the Awarded Applicant is legally obligated to pay during the grant period, for example, when an invoice is received or when services are rendered.
23. **Non-competitive Grants** – A type of grant program where grant funds are awarded by the Coordinating Board to an eligible Applicant pursuant to a formula, allotment, or other directive of the General Appropriations Act or state law.
24. **Objective** - A statement of a specific end that will support one or more program goals. It must:
- A. be stated in quantifiable terms;
 - B. specify a date or time for its achievement; and
 - C. identify the resources needed to achieve it in the specified period.
25. **State Business Days** – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT, except for scheduled state of Texas, THECB, and national holidays.
26. **State Fiscal Year** – The period of time beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 of the following year, both dates inclusive.
27. **THECB** – The agency known as the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including agency staff.

Appendix B: Calendar of Events

June 1, 2026	Grant Announcement Published
July 10, 2026	Application Deadline
September 1, 2026*	Grant Period Begins
April 30, 2027	Final Date of Capitalized Equipment Purchases
<i>Refer to Grant Agreement</i>	<i>Grant Reporting Due Dates</i>
August 31, 2027	Grant Period Ends, Last Day to Incur Grant Funds

*Grant Period begins September 1, 2026, or upon execution of Notice of Grant Award, whichever is later.

Appendix C: List of Required Attachments

1. Application Cover Page
2. Certification Regarding Debarment
3. Certification Regarding Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
4. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities – if applicable
5. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)
6. Certification of Compliance with Section 504
7. Perkins Grant Budget Detail Template