

Perkins State Leadership Program Funded by U.S Department of Education

What is the intent of the Field Based Innovation Program (FIP)?

THECB plans to grant awards for Field Based Innovation projects, extending up to a twelve-month grant period. These awards will fall within the range of \$175,000 to \$200,000. The primary objective of this competition is to propel the objectives of [Building a Talent Strong Texas](#) through the implementation of high-quality, evidence-based projects originating from the ingenuity, creativity, and expertise of community and technical educators across Texas. The funds received will be utilized to enhance career and technical education programs, in accordance with the provisions outlined in Title I, Section 124 of the Perkins Act.

Who is eligible to apply for/receive funds?

FIP grant funding is available through a competitive selection process to all Texas public, two-year institutions offering Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses leading to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree to support the advancement of CTE programs and services for eligible CTE students. FIP grants are available to Perkins V Basic grant recipients.

Application Information:

1. Following the grant application announcement, typically in May of each year, applicants will apply for one of three competitive rounds of funding.
2. The applicant shall complete and submit the application in the Perkins Portal by 11:59 p.m. CT, by the designated due date along with the additional materials:
 - a. Application Cover Page
 - b. Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - c. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification

Documents shall be signed by the applicant representative who is authorized to bind the applicant. Cover pages and other required forms may be signed in hard copy or electronically.

History/Impact of this grant:

Federal Perkins legislation, in its current form, was enacted in 1984 to improve the skills of the labor force and provide equal opportunities for adults in CTE. The 2018 reauthorization of the Perkins Act (Perkins V) strengthened requirements and accountability for the performance of students in the Act's nine designated special populations categories.

For additional information visit: [Perkins Field Based Innovation Program Page](#)