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THECB awards \$15 million through TRUE Grant Program

July 13, 2022, Austin, TX – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded \$15 million in grant funding to Texas higher education institutions through the <u>Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Grant Program</u>. The program was established to support the creation, expansion, or redesign of workforce education and training programs in high-demand occupations.

"TRUE grants are an important tool to support our Texas institutions in achieving the goals of our state strategic plan for higher education, Building a Talent Strong Texas," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "These grants are specifically designed to help more Texans earn credentials aligned with current and emerging workforce needs and expand opportunities for long-term success."

These funds enable Texas public community and state technical colleges, as well as economic development organizations, to develop and provide short-term certification and workforce programs, in consultation and partnership with workforce stakeholders, that create pathways to employment.

"The TRUE program will unlock the exceptional potential of Texas' economic engine, ensuring educational opportunities and a ready and trained workforce that will meet the needs of our rapidly growing state," said Senator Brandon Creighton, who authored <u>Senate Bill 1102</u> that established the TRUE initiative.

Programs supported by TRUE funds must be shorter than six months in duration, industry-aligned, in high-value/high-need fields, and developed with the participation of key workforce stakeholders, such as workforce boards, economic development corporations, trade associations, industry representatives, and employers.

Grantees:

• Amarillo College: \$530,000

Austin Community College: \$530,000Central Texas College: \$530,000

• Cisco College: \$357,000

Coastal Bend College: \$530,000College of the Mainland: \$530,000

• Collin College: \$670,200 (Consortium with Ranger College, Cisco College, Hill College)

• Dallas College: \$530,000

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Del Mar College: \$530,000Frank Phillips College: \$530,000Galveston College: \$378,500

• Grayson College: \$1,060,000 (Consortium with Paris Jr. College, Vernon College)

• Houston Community College: \$1,056,700 (Consortium with San Jacinto College, Brazosport College)

• Lamar State College Orange: \$530,000

Lone Star College: \$389,200McLennan College: \$349,900Navarro College: \$530,000

• North Central Texas College: \$529,800

Odessa College: \$185,100
Panola College: \$436,600
Paris Junior College: \$251,800

• Smithville Chamber of Commerce: \$50,000

South Texas College: \$385,500
Temple College: \$530,000
Texarkana College: \$429,700
Texas Southmost College: \$530,000
Texas State Technical College: \$529,800

• Victoria College: \$515,200

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