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THECB Awards \$26 Million to Two-Year Institutions Across Texas

Funding made available through the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Institutional Capacity Grants

Nov. 2, 2021, Austin, TX - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded \$26 million in grant funding to 46 public junior colleges, public state colleges, and public technical colleges across Texas to support students impacted by COVID-19. Institutions may use the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Institutional Capacity Grants to rapidly create, expand, or redesign short-term postsecondary workforce credentials and training programs in high demand occupational areas.

“The COVID-19 pandemic clearly demonstrated how quickly specific jobs and necessary skills can change. We need to get our Texas students and displaced workers onto a fast track to lasting careers that equip them for greater economic mobility,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. “We applaud our two-year institutions for committing to this challenge and are grateful to the governor and our legislative leadership for continued investments in higher education.”

This opportunity is supported by an allocation Governor Greg Abbott and Texas’ legislative leadership committed to the THECB from the federal [Governor’s Emergency Educational Relief \(GEER\) Fund](#). More than 80% of qualified two-year institutions in Texas applied for and received funding. The THECB increased the funding available for TRUE grants by \$1 million to support these institutions’ efforts.

“Supporting higher education boosts our students’ competitiveness in their field, creating a brighter future,” Governor Abbott said. “Investments like these are critical to ensuring more Texans are trained to face the dynamic, unique challenges of our workforce and unleash the full economic might of the Lone Star State.”

Sen. Brandon Creighton, who authored Senate Bill 1102 that established the TRUE initiative, said, “This funding will have an impact on Texans and the economy within months, not years. We’re creating a pipeline from the classroom to the workforce that will ensure a competitive edge for students and industry alike.”

Grant recipients include:

APPLICANT	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	AWARD
Alamo Colleges		\$500,000.00
Amarillo College		\$500,000.00
Austin CC		\$500,000.00

Austin Community College Consortium	Temple College	\$2,000,000.00
Blinn College		\$50,000.00
Brazosport College		\$216,750.00
Central Texas College Consortium	Brazosport College	\$1,047,507.00
Central TX College		\$269,396.00
Cisco College		\$50,000.00
Clarendon		\$56,000.00
Coastal Bend College		\$500,000.00
Coastal Bend Consortium	Del Mar College	\$842,871.00
College of the Mainland		\$499,080.00
Collin College Consortium	Ranger College	\$314,279.00
Dallas College		\$500,000.00
Dallas College Consortium	Tarrant County College; Paris Jr. College	\$2,000,000.00
Del Mar College		\$500,000.00
El Paso CC		\$366,943.00
Galveston College		\$465,561.00
Grayson College Consortium	Vernon College; Weatherford College	\$2,000,000.00
Hill College		\$499,800.00
Houston Community College		\$448,399.00
Kilgore College		\$102,000.00
Lamar Institute of Technology		\$245,430.00
Lamar State College - Orange		\$495,937.00
Lamar State College Orange Consortium	Lamar State College Port Arthur; Lamar Institute of Technology	\$781,000.00
Laredo College		\$253,499.00
Lee College		\$252,255.00
Lone Star		\$126,028.00
Midland College		\$166,423.00
Navarro College		\$500,000.00
North Central Texas College		\$412,636.00
North Central Texas College Consortium	Western Texas College	\$1,962,712.00
Northeast Texas Consortium	Texarkana College	\$647,050.00
Odessa College		\$500,000.00
Panola College		\$237,248.00
Paris Junior College		\$162,205.00
San Jacinto		\$47,300.00
SW Texas		\$250,000.00
Temple College		\$498,384.00

Texas Southmost College Consortium	San Jacinto College; Houston Community College	\$1,813,241.00
Trinity Valley Community College		\$500,000.00
TSTC		\$129,987.00
TSTC Consortium	South Texas College	\$1,195,709.00
Victoria College		\$115,000.00
Wharton County Junior College		\$498,998.00
TOTAL		\$26,019,628.00