

To: Presidents of Texas Community, Technical, and Lamar State Colleges, Chief Instructional Officers of Texas Community, Technical, and Lamar State Colleges, Perkins Basic Grant and Leadership Project Directors and Institutional Contacts, CTC Liaison Members

From: Tina Jackson, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education

Subject: Field Based Innovation Program (FIP) and Perkins Equitable Access and Opportunity Program (PEAOP) Request for Applications (RFA)-CAPPS 00760

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is pleased to present the Request for Applications (RFA) for the FY 2024-2026 [Field Based Innovation \(FIP\) Program](#) and [Perkins Excellence Access and Opportunity \(PEAOP\) Program](#), supported by Perkins State Leadership Funds. Applicants for FY 2024-2026 Perkins State Leadership Grants are required to propose projects aligned with the objectives of one of the two specified grant competitions.

### **Competition 1: Field Based Innovation (FIP)**

Objective: This competition aims to promote the objectives of *Building a Talent Strong Texas* by fostering high-quality, evidence-based projects developed by community and technical educators in Texas, showcasing their ingenuity, creativity, and expertise. Awards will be granted to projects that are evidence-based and address one or more of the three goals outlined in *Building a Talent Strong Texas*, while also meeting the criteria for Perkins State Leadership funding as described in Perkins V.

### **Competition 2: Perkins Excellence in Access and Opportunity (PEAOP)**

Objective: The goal of this competition is to support evidence-based programs that enhance closing the gaps access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and provide closing the gap opportunities for success to new and existing students facing documented barriers to obtaining high-value CTE credentials. THECB seeks projects that are evidence-based and tailored to students with challenging circumstances, as defined by the nine categories of special populations outlined in the Perkins V Section 3(48) Special Populations.

Eligible Applicants: Texas public postsecondary Community, Technical, and Lamar State College institutions are invited to submit applications.

Grant Period: Grants will cover the period from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, for one-year grants and until August 31, 2026, for two-year grants.

Maximum Award Amount: Applicants may request funding ranging from \$175,000 to \$200,000.

Notification to Apply: Click [here](#) to receive application number and password to apply.

Calendar of Events:

**State Leadership One-Year Grants**

Dates	Events
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June 26, 2024	Inquiry Deadline
July 8, 2024	Leadership Applications, Application Cover Page, Certification Regarding Lobbying, & FFATA Certification Due
July 8-22, 2024	Evaluation of Applications
July 22-26, 2024	Notice of Application Approval or Needed Revisions
July 26 –August 24, 2024	Process Notifications of Grant Award
December 10, 2024	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 1 Due
March 10, 2025	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 2 Due
April 30, 2025	All Equipment (Schedule C) Must Be Purchased <b>PEAOP Grantees Not Allowed to Purchase Equipment.</b>
June 1, 2025	Last Day to Submit Budget Amendments <i>All amendments must be submitted in the Perkins Portal.</i>
June 10, 2025	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 3 Due
June 30, 2025	Last Day to Encumber/Obligate Grant Funds
August 31, 2025	Contract end date for closing out all grant activities
September 15, 2025	Final Report, Final Expenditure Report, and Inventory Report Due <i>Submit any remaining expenditures. Awarded applicant will not be reimbursed for any expenditures made after August 31, 2025.</i>

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December 10, 2025	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 5 Due
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