

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

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Subject: Request for Applications for the Perkins State Leadership Grant Program

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is pleased to present the Request for Applications (RFA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026) Perkins State Leadership Grant Program supported by Perkins State Leadership Funds. An applicant for a FY 2026 Perkins State Leadership Grant is required to propose a project that is aligned with the objective of one of the three specified grant categories.

Category 1: Emerging and Current High-Skill, High-Wage Credentials in Texas

Objective: Develop a community and technical college program and credential that addresses a critical occupation, and which can be replicated by institutions in other regions of the state.

Category 2: Recruitment and Retention of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Educators in Postsecondary Education

Objective: Address the shortage of qualified CTE instructors through recruitment and retention strategies and improve the quality of CTE education in community and technical colleges.

Category 3: Prison Education – Preparing for Reentry

Objective: Provide career and technical education opportunities for incarcerated individuals within 12 months of their release to support successful reentry into society and the workforce.

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, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

Maximum Award Amount: An applicant may request funding ranging from **\$200,000 to \$300,000** depending on the grant category.

Notification to Apply: To apply, click [here](#) to receive an application number and password.

Calendar of Events:

Dates	Events
June 11, 2025	RFA Posted on THECB Website and Application Opens
June 23, 2025	Notice of Intent (NOI)
June 27, 2025	Inquiry Deadline
July 9, 2025	Leadership Application, Application Cover Page, Certification Regarding Lobbying, and FFATA Certification Due
July 9–July 21, 2025	Evaluation of Applications
July 21–July 25, 2025	Notice of Application Approval or Needed Revisions
July 25–Aug 31, 2025	Process Notifications of Grant Award
December 10, 2025	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 1 Due
March 10, 2026	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 2 Due
June 10, 2026	Quarterly and Expenditure Report 3 Due
April 30, 2026	All Equipment (Schedule C) Must Be Purchased
June 1, 2026	Last Day to Submit Amendments. All amendments must be submitted in the Perkins Portal .
June 30, 2026	Last Day to Encumber/Obligate Grant Funds
August 31, 2026	Contract end date.
September 15, 2026	Final Report and Final Expenditure Report Due. Submit all remaining expenditures. Awarded applicants will not be reimbursed for any expenditures made after August 31, 2026.