

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Quarterly Board Meeting

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Update on GEER-funded Initiatives

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GEER-funded initiatives

In July 2020, Gov. Greg Abbott and legislative leadership directed **\$175 million** in federal Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds to the THECB.

- **\$57M** to maintain State Financial Aid Programs
- **\$46.5M** for Emergency Educational Aid
- **\$46.5M** for Reskilling and Upskilling Grants
- **\$10M** for Online Learning Support
- **\$15M** for Data Infrastructure

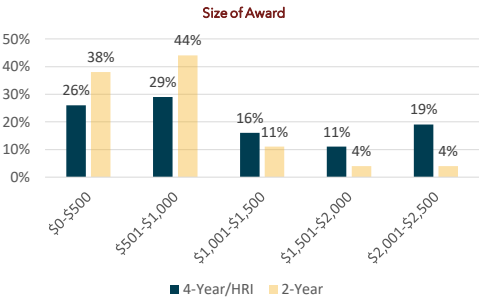
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Emergency Educational Aid

During the fall 2020 semester, 93 public institutions of higher education used GEER funds to provide Emergency Educational Grants to **40,646 students**.



State financial aid programs

GEER funding has supported **17,690 Texas students** across the state’s public and private colleges and universities.

Financial Aid Program	% Funds Allocated	Students Served	Average Award
TEXAS Grant	48%	10,623	\$1,938
TEOG	68%	2,028	\$1,605
TEG	73%	5,039	\$1,301

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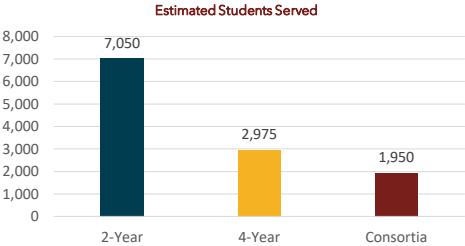
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Reskilling and Upskilling Grants

In December 2020, the Coordinating Board announced the first round of grants totaling **\$18.1M** and serving an estimated **11,975 students**.



Online Learning Support

The Coordinating Board awarded **\$812,000** in technical assistance grants to support applicants and awardees. Applications are open until the end of January, and **twenty-one** applications have already been received.

Institution	Award Amount
Rice University Open Stax	\$312,000
UT Austin Charles A. Dana Center	\$250,000
Dallas College	\$250,000

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