

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funding

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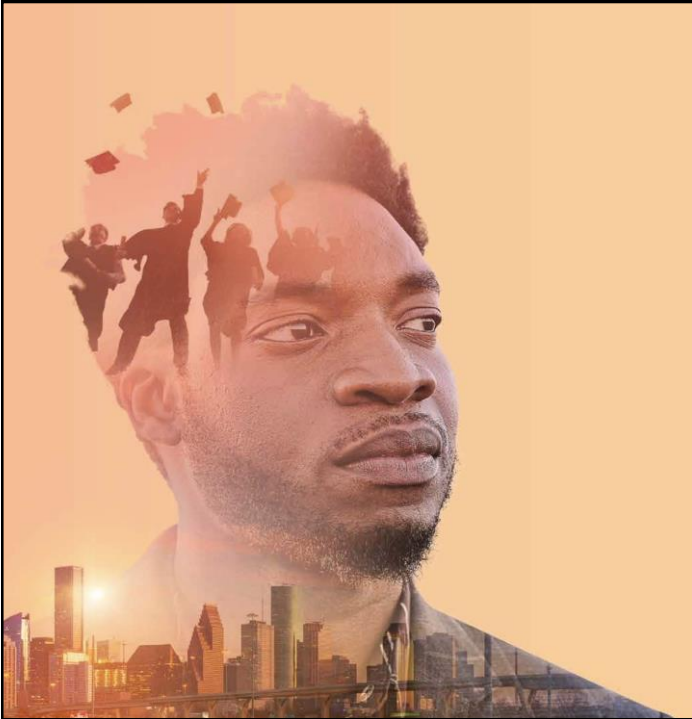
GEER Phase I: \$175 Million

Investments to Support Economic Recovery

- GEER Phase I funding focused on immediate Texas higher education needs.
- Funds provided direct aid to students, promoted paths for rapid reskilling, and enabled students to stay on track towards earning their credentials.
- Funding is also supporting strategic investments to improve digital learning and modernize the state's educational and workforce data infrastructure.

GEER Phase I Funding Initiative	Total Allocation	Funding Expended To-Date	Estimated Students Served To-Date
 Maintain Financial Aid	\$57M	\$57M	21,392
 Emergency Educational Aid	\$46.5M	\$46.5M	40,866
 Reskilling & Upskilling Grants	\$46.5M	\$27.4M	18,075
 Online Learning Support	\$10M	\$1.8M	34,172
 Data Modernization Initiative	\$15M	~\$5M	

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### Lessons Learned from GEER Phase I Investments






#### Persistent challenges for students, institutions, employers

- Gaps between skills Texans have today and skills needed for tomorrow’s jobs
- Limited training capacity for high-value programs and credentials
- Persistent challenges in bridging access for adults, transfer, low-income students
- Adult Texans returning to postsecondary education need continued support
- HEERF allocations offset some costs and revenue losses for institutions but also can be used for strategic investments

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## GEER Phase II: \$94.6 Million

### Investments for Continued Economic Recovery

GEER Phase II Funding Initiative	Funding Allocation
 Expanding Capacity for High-Demand High-Value Education	\$48.1M
 Financial Aid & Student Support	\$28.5M
 My Texas Future	\$10M
 GradTX 2.0 Expansion	\$4M
 Data Security & Accessibility	\$4M

- GEER Phase II funding will continue to provide meaningful support to ensure Texas students have the skills they need for tomorrow’s jobs.
- Funds will support expanded access for adults, transfer, and low-income students.
- Support will be provided to increase institutions’ capacity to deliver high-value postsecondary programs.

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