

THECB seeks applications from Texas higher ed institutions for GEER-funded Texas Reskilling Support Fund grant program

Oct. 21, 2020, Austin, Texas – Today the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board announced a request for applications (RFA) for the [Texas Reskilling Support Fund](#) grant program, a \$46.5 million fund established to provide essential emergency educational support to students that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Reskilling grants will be awarded to public institutions of higher education to support displaced Texas workers who need to reskill or upskill to get back into the workforce and to support Texas students who have previously stopped out of higher education institutions without completing a postsecondary credential. The program is supported by a portion of the \$175 million allocation to THECB from the [Governor's Emergency Educational Relief \(GEER\) Fund](#).

"In today's economy, we know jobs increasingly follow skills," said Commissioner of Texas Higher Education Harrison Keller. "These strategic investments in our students and institutions will keep more students on track to enter the workforce with the credentials and education that tomorrow's economy will demand. This commitment by Governor Abbott and our Texas legislative leadership will be very important for increasing accessibility and affordability and minimizing barriers to higher education for students across the state."

Reskilling grants will allow Texas public colleges, technical schools, and universities to provide financial assistance to Texas students to cover tuition and fees. The grants are designed to support re-enrolling students who are close to postsecondary credential completion.

Reskilling grant applications are due Nov. 12, 2020.

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