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TWC Awards Grants to Support Career Training Through Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program

Nearly \$5 Million awarded to 25 colleges and ISDs to target high-demand jobs

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded 25 grants totaling \$4,986,000 to public community and technical colleges and independent school districts for programs that focus on supporting new, emerging industries or high-demand occupations through the [Jobs and Education for Texans \(JET\) grant program](#).

“I congratulate these JET grant recipients as they work to enhance educational curriculum and high-demand job training for our students,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “As they make the transition into the workforce, it is crucial that students have the education and skills to succeed in the workplace.”

Qualifying educational institutions were awarded a grant for the development of programs or courses leading to a license, certificate or post-secondary degree. The JET grant program focuses on projects that target high-demand jobs in new or emerging industries.

“By providing JET funding to our schools, we are able to train workers with the skills needed for today’s job market and meet employers’ demand for skilled labor,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “These grants will help keep our Texas businesses competitive and our economy growing.”

The JET program provides funding for equipment to eligible educational institutions for the purpose of developing career and technical education courses and may include courses offering dual-credit and technical education programs. The equipment must be used to train students for jobs in high-demand occupations.

“The JET grant program will help increase access to necessary training for students and ultimately help connect them to employment in one of Texas’ many growing industries,” said Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

The [JET Advisory Board](#) was established to assist TWC in administering these grants. The six-member board meets at least once each quarter, or as needed, to review applications and make recommendations on grant awards.

Eligible educational institutions can apply for the next phase of JET funding through a competitive grant process. TWC will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation that will provide information and instruction on how to submit a proposal packet. A link will be provided on the [JET Grant Program webpage](#), which can be used to access the RFP Solicitation once it becomes available.

For more information on the JET Program, visit texasworkforce.org/jet or email jetgrants@twc.state.tx.us.

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The Jobs and Education for Texans grant program awarded to 25 grant recipients are:

- **Community Colleges**

- **Alvin Community College** - \$199,241 – The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 127 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers.
- **Angelina County Junior College District** - \$332,400 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 145 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers.
- **College of the Mainland** - \$ 209, 760- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 150 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **Lamar Institute of Technology** - \$ 197,648- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 745 students in the manufacturing profession with training for chemical plant and system operators.
- **Laredo Community College** - \$332,500 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 158 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **North Central Texas College** - \$186,977 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 156 students in the medical profession with training for licensed practical and vocational nurses.
- **Odessa College** - \$169,519 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 200 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.
- **South Texas College** - \$176,145 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 304 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **Texarkana College** - \$304,006 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 170 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **Wharton County Junior College** - \$350,000 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 120 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.

- **Independent School Districts**

- **Aransas County Independent School District** - \$126,315 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 287 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.
- **Athens Independent School District** - \$329,228 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 130 students in the manufacturing profession with training for heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers.
- **Brooks County Independent School District** - \$115,406 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 126 students in the IT profession with training for network and computer systems administrators.
- **Copperas Cove Independent School District** - \$ 60,590- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 200 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **De Leon Independent School District** - \$ 76,600- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 112 students in the manufacturing profession with training for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.
- **Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District** - \$294,022 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 463 students in the manufacturing profession with training for instructional maintenance and repairmen.
- **Hudson Independent School District** - \$153,811 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 78 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.

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- **Jim Hogg County Independent School District** - \$217,490 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 150 students in the medical profession with training for registered nurses.
- **La Joya Independent School District** - \$92,539 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 214 students in the medical profession with training for nursing assistants.
- **Linden-Kildare Consolidated Independent School District** - \$68,986 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 60 students in the food service profession with training for first line supervisors of food preparation and serving workers.
- **Pearsall Independent School District** - \$181,381- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 120 students in the IT profession with training for web developers.
- **Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District** - \$211,213 - The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 120 students in the medical profession with training for emergency medical technicians and paramedics.
- **United Independent School District** - \$ 244,313- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 757 students in the manufacturing profession with training for oil, gas and mining service unit operators.
- **Waco Independent School District** - \$220,870- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 175 students in the mechanical profession with training for automotive service technicians.
- **Weslaco Independent School District** - \$135,040- The grant will help purchase and install equipment to provide 127 students in the manufacturing profession with training for machinists.

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