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## **Laredo Community College Receives \$332,500 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant**

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded Laredo Community College a \$332,500 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant. The grant will help the college purchase and install equipment to provide students with training to prepare for careers in nursing.

“This partnership with Laredo Community College will focus on advanced technical training and education to prepare our future workforce and meet employers’ demands for skilled labor,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “We are pleased to present this grant which provides training equipment to create new opportunities in the medical profession for the South Texas area.”



On November 30, 2016, TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs presented a \$332,500 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant check to representatives from Laredo Community College (LCC). Pictured from left to right are Workforce Solutions for South Texas Executive Director Rogelio Trevino, LCC Executive Director of Economic Development Rodney H. Rodriguez, LCC Associate Vice President for Instruction Dr. Fred Solis, LCC President Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, Commissioner Hughs, LCC Nursing Programs Director Dr. Dianna Miller, JET Advisory Board Member Mario Lozoya and LCC Dean of Health Sciences Alfredo Iniguez-Jimenez.

Photos from the event can be downloaded from our [Flickr page](#).

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TWC recently 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 [JET grant program](#).

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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. Equipment funded through JET grants must be used to train students for jobs in high-demand occupations.

Eligible educational institutions can apply for the next phase of JET funding through a competitive grant process. TWC has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation that provides information and instruction on how to submit a proposal packet. Go to the [JET Grant Program webpage](#) to access the RFP Solicitation.

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