

1 **Fiscal Year 2026 College Credit for Heroes Additional Funds**
2 **Discussion Paper**
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4 **Background**

5 College Credit for Heroes (CCH), established in Texas Labor Code, Section 302.0031, is a grant
6 program through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) available to Institutions of Higher
7 Education. The purpose of the CCH Program is to develop and/or improve systems that translate
8 military experiences into academic credits. This initiative streamlines the academic journey for
9 veterans and transitioning service members in Texas, recognizing their military skills for
10 academic success. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, \$750,000 in Workforce Innovation and
11 Opportunity Act (WIOA) statewide funds were made available for the CCH program.
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13 **Issue**

14 Since the CCH Application window opened on August 1, 2025, TWC has received an
15 unprecedented number of high-quality applications for the program. Existing funding levels will
16 support fewer than half of the applicants who have submitted applications that would otherwise
17 qualify for CCH funding.
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19 **Decision Point**

20 Staff recommends an additional \$1 million in WIOA statewide funding be added to the total
21 funds available in FY 2026 to fund additional CCH program applications.