

1 **JET Advisory Board Recommendation - FY 2023 JET Grant Awards**

2 **Discussion Paper**

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4 **Background**

5 The FY 2023 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) request for applications (RFA) was issued on February  
6 7, 2023, for grant awards to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, open  
7 enrollment charter schools and school districts. The Texas Workforce Commission was appropriated  
8 \$7.52 million for FY 2023 for use by the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program. Additionally,  
9 approximately \$2 million was remaining from an interagency contract with the Texas Education Agency  
10 established to provide additional funds to the JET program over the biennium.

11 One hundred fifty-five (155) total applications were received: 31 Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)  
12 applications and 124 applications from Open-Enrollment Charter Schools and School Districts.

13 Texas Education Code, Chapter 134, Section 134.003, C, states: “The advisory board shall meet at least  
14 once each quarter, or as needed, to review received applications and recommend awarding grants  
15 under this chapter”.

16 On May 24, 2023, the JET Advisory Board made the following recommendation to the Commission  
17 regarding the FY 2023 JET awards:

18 To recommend the Commission direct staff to move forward with awarding grants, based on the  
19 final evaluation score, with ability to move down the list (50 points and above) should additional  
20 funds become available during the contracting phase.

21 **Decision Point**

22 Staff seeks direction regarding JET awards for FY 2023, as recommended by the JET Advisory Board.

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