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Greetings,

South Texas College's Department of Resource Development, Management and Compliance is pleased to share this *Annual Grant Report: Fiscal Year 2019* with you. Included in this report are details about each grant awarded to South Texas College between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019. There are a variety of innovative projects that have made a positive difference for students and for South Texas College in this fiscal year. A summary of each award is included in this report along with photos that demonstrate grant activity and that show how grants have made a positive impact in the lives of others. The dedication and commitment of many faculty and staff involved in the implementation and management of these funded programs is evident in the many wonderful images of exciting work happening at South Texas College! We are proud to report that our collaborative efforts have paid off as evident by the three-year data summary at the end of this report that shows an increasing amount in funding awarded to the college from FY17 to FY19.

As South Texas College moves forward with a vision of being a global model in educational innovation serving as a catalyst to drive regional prosperity, economic development, and the social mobility of those we serve, we look forward to collaborating with you to identify and pursue opportunities for resources that contribute to this direction. We are committed to provide ongoing services and support to the college, and we welcome you to visit with us, peruse our webpage, and attend our training sessions to learn more about how you can be part of this exciting work. Additional information about the Department of Resource Development, Management and Compliance is available at https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/grants/index.html.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia Champion,
Director of Resource Development, Management and Compliance
South Texas College

THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE: WHAT WE DO

The Department of Resource Development, Management and Compliance in the Office of the President at South Texas College promotes the identification and acquisition of external resources that expand the capacity of South Texas College to achieve its mission and Strategic Directions. We develop partnerships with other entities, we collaborate with college faculty and staff to plan, and we work together with other organizations to meet similar or complementary goals. Staff members in our department provide pre-award and post-award support services for the college. Pre-award support includes research to identify funding opportunities aligned to the mission, needs and priorities of the college. Post-award support includes guidance, training, and grant compliance reviews to support Project Directors/Principal Investigators and Financial Managers to effectively manage and maintain compliance with grant rules and regulations.

The Edinburg Economic Development Corporation Grant

Funding Agency: Edinburg Economic Development Corporation
Requested Amount: $150,000
Award Amount: $93,110
Funding Period: October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

This grant helped to increase the total number of high skilled, high wage jobs by providing customized training for the medical, manufacturing and logistics sectors of the Rio Grande Valley.

The Weslaco Economic Development Corporation Grant

Funding Agency: Weslaco Economic Development Corporation
Requested Amount: $100,000
Award Amount: $100,000
Funding Period: October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

This grant helped to increase the total number of high skilled, high wage jobs in the Rio Grande Valley by providing customized training for small businesses in the retail, manufacturing and logistics sectors within the city limits of Weslaco.

The City of McAllen Development Corporation Grant

Funding Agency: City of McAllen
Requested Amount: $259,000
Award Amount: $259,440
Funding Period: October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

This grant helped to increase the total number of high skilled, high wage manufacturing jobs in the Rio Grande Valley by providing customized training related to advanced manufacturing for companies located within the city limits of McAllen. Funds would be used for equipment, salaries, and supplies for the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing.

Work-Study Student Mentorship Program Allocation

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount: $90,712
Award Amount: $90,712
Funding Period: September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Comprehensive Advisement & Mentoring Services
Project Director: Dr. Nancy H. Garcia, Director Comprehensive Advisement & Mentoring Services
Financial Manager: Juan Miguel Galvan, Director of Student Financial Services

The funding through this program was for work-study mentors to work with high school students at College and Career Centers located at high schools in the college's service area and at South Texas College campuses. Mentorship activities would promote the development of a college-going culture and improvement to the retention and completion rates of college students.

2018 College Readiness and Success Models for 60x30TX

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount: $175,088
Award Amount: $175,088
Funding Period: August 15, 2018 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Developmental Reading
Project Director: Florinda Rodriguez, Developmental Reading Instructor
Financial Manager: Dr. Margaretha E. Bischoff, Dean for Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

This grant is to enhance and scale co-requisite model offerings for Integrated Reading and Writing classes with History, Political Science, Arts, and Academic English to meet or exceed the requirements of House Bill 2223. The proposed project supports student success by offering co-requisite models concurrently leading to successful course completion of both academic and developmental classes.

At the time of initial Board approval, the Board was informed that there was a possibility of additional funds being provided by THECB. These additional funds are being awarded to cover the remaining 25% ($66,638) of funds requested in the application and 50% ($108,450) for anticipated completion funding as requested in the application. Total funding from THECB for this grant will not exceed $250,088, which includes initial funds previously authorized in the amount of $75,000.

Skills Development Fund Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $409,890
Award Amount: $409,890
Funding Period: November 1, 2018 - April 30, 2020
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/ Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

Through this grant, the Texas Workforce Commission supports South Texas College's Institute for Advanced Manufacturing to provide customized training that meets the specific workforce needs of business partners. This grant provides 18,108 hours of training for TST NA Trim and Wood Crafters Home Products LLC during an 18-month grant period. This grant contributes toward building a skilled workforce.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Department of Agriculture
Requested Amount: $53,973
Award Amount: $53,973
Funding Period: October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/MV-Child Development Center
Project Director: Sylvia Serrano, Center Manager
Financial Manager: Veronica Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Child Development

Funding from this grant renewal supports the purchase of food, preparation of meals, staff time, supplies and equipment for children enrolled in the Mid-Valley Child Development Center, which provides childcare for students, parents, faculty, staff, and community as well as serves as a practicum lab site for students.

The CACFP reimburses childcare centers, day care home providers, and adult day care centers for part of the cost associated with serving approved meals and snacks to children and adults in Texas. The goal of the CACFP is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of children and adults, promote development of good eating habits, and integrate nutritious food service with organized child and adult day care services.

Child Development Associates Credential Program (CDA)

Funding Agency: Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board - Workforce Solutions
Requested Amount: $40,575
Award Amount: $42,075
Funding Period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Child Development
Project Director: Cecilia Villagran, Childcare Services Developer
Financial Manager: Veronica Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Child Development

This grant from Workforce Solutions provides funding for Child Development Associates Credential courses to be taken by employees of Child Care Services Vendors in Starr, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. These funds will be used for tuition, fees and textbooks for up to 25 candidates for the Fall 2019 semester.

Child Development Conferences Participant Scholarship Funds

Funding Agency: Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board-Workforce Solutions
Requested Amount: $10,000
Award Amount: $10,000
Funding Period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Child Development
Project Director: Cecilia Villagran, Childcare Services Developer
Financial Manager: Veronica Rodriguez, Assistant Professor of Child Development

This grant provided funding for registration for 50 participants to attend the Special Needs and Leadership Conference and for 100 participants to attend the Child Care and Early Childhood Conference (conducted in Spanish), which is hosted by South Texas College's Child Development and Early Childhood Program.

Phase I Planning - Target Range Program Grant Subaward from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

Funding Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Requested Amount: $307,219
Award Amount: $307,219
Funding Period: November 19, 2018 - December 31, 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Ricardo De La Garza, Director, Facilities, Planning & Construction
Financial Manager: Dr. Shirley A. Reed, President

This Phase I Planning grant will fund 75% of the cost of engineering and architectural fees, as well as costs associated with an environmental assessment as required by the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) for this grant program (administered by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department). The scope of this Grant includes professional services needed to assess the feasibility of constructing the South Texas College Target Range Facility that was included in the College's Master Plan for the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence. This includes design, engineering, and other pre-construction expenses related to state/federal environmental and cultural/historical requirements associated with the South Texas College Target Range located on 8.32 acres adjacent to El Rancho Blanco Road in Pharr. This grant has a 25% match requirement, which equals $102,406 to be funded by South Texas College for a total of $409,625 in funding to complete Phase I. Upon completion of Phase I and approval of required environmental compliance from the USFWS, South Texas College will be eligible for a Target Range Program grant for the construction of a 12-lane covered target range.

Pell Grant Ability to Benefit Capacity Building

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $159,446
Award Amount: $159,446
Funding Period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Elias Hernandez, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This award helped deliver innovative Career Pathways to seventy-seven participants that would result in increased attainment of High School Equivalency Credentials, Recognized Postsecondary Credentials, and reduced student debt for college credit coursework. Partners for this program included the Lower Rio Workforce Development Board, Region One Education Service Center, Rio Grande Valley Literacy Center, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley High School Equivalency Program, Motivation Education and Training Inc., Goodwill Industries, Sandia Depot, Ramos Trucking Services, Curly's Towing Service, Bio-Ops, On Target Transportation, McAllen Country Club, Rio Grande Regional Hospital, Knapp Medical Center and Valley Regional Medical Center.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

CONTINUING, PROFESSIONAL & WORKFORCE EDUCATION

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Accelerate Texas IV: Integrated Education and Training Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $499,859
Award Amount: $499,859
Funding Period: November 1, 2018 - October 31, 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Liz Hernandez, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This grant provided concurrent enrollment for 200 participants in Workforce Training and Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) services. This program was designed to build the college's capacity to expand, develop, and implement the Integrated Education and Training (IET) model. Project funding would support the core components of IET, including Workforce Training, Workforce Preparation Activities, AEL Activities, related coordination, staffing, curriculum development and educational and career counseling services.

Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant

Funding Agency: State Farm
Requested Amount: $5,000
Award Amount: $5,000
Funding Period: December 1, 2018 - November 31, 2019
Division/Department: Student Activities & Wellness
Project Director: Elibariki Nguma, Director
Financial Manager: Elibariki Nguma, Director

This award was to compliment previous work done through another grant from State Farm and South Texas College was invited to apply. The Student Activities and Wellness Department used the funds to provide *Financial Smarts* Literacy workshops for students throughout the year.

U.S. Department of Education, STC In Focus Grant -Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (DHSI) Supplemental Award

Funding Agency: Department of Education
Requested Amount: $115,722
Award Amount: $115,722
Funding Period: October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/ Curriculum & Student Learning
Project Director: Yolanda Jaramillo, Director, Academic Assessment
Financial Manager: Dr. Anahid Petrosian, Assistant VP Academic Advancement

Additional funding from the Department of Education was used to promote, recruit and support the development and delivery of financial literacy training for college students. The project was conducted in Active Learning Classrooms to maximize student engagement, interest in training topics, and to utilize technology to enrich the learning experience.

Rea Charitable Trust Foundation Grant

Funding Agency: Wells Fargo
Requested Amount: $60,000
Award Amount: $60,000
Funding Period: December 1, 2018 - May 16, 2019
Division/Department: Music Department
Project Director: Michael A. Gersten, Associate Professor of Music Woodwind
Financial Manager: William Buhidar, Assistant Dean/Program Chair of Music

This grant helped the Music Department expand the existing South Texas College Band program with funds to purchase high-quality instruments for use in the Symphonic Band, as well as in the Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, and applied music lessons. The Music Department plans to host performances throughout STC's service area in an effort to expand access to the performing arts.

Hate, Hope and Healing Granting

Funding Agency: Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission
Requested Amount: $2,300
Award Amount: $2,300
Funding Period: May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020
Division/Department: Music Department
Project Director: Michael A. Gersten, Associate Professor of Music Woodwind
Financial Manager: William Buhidar, Assistant Dean/Program Chair of Music

The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission provides funding for projects that educate and engage the community about the Holocaust. This grant enables South Texas College's Music Department to produce multimedia musical performances and community outreach activities to area high schools that educate the community about the prevention of hate and genocide.

Governor's Summer Merit Program

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $46,552
Award Amount: $46,552
Funding Period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Dual Credit Programs & School District Partnerships
Project Director: Leonardo A. Castaneda, Director of Academies & High School Projects
Financial Manager: Dr. Rebecca De Leon, Dean for Dual Credit Programs & School District Partnerships

This grant provided funding for a total of fifty freshman and sophomore high school students to participate in a six-week South Texas College Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (TexPREP). Students from Weslaco ISD and PSJA ISD participated at the Pecan Campus, students from Weslaco ISD participated at the Mid Valley Campus and students from Roma ISD at the Starr County Campus. Participants developed knowledge and skills by participating in hands-on, problem-based learning activities for science, technology, pre-engineering and math. This highly innovative, collaborative, and academically rigorous program provides students the opportunity to be engaged in upper level mathematics and computer science curriculum.

The Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship Fund

Funding Agency: Gene Haas Foundation
Requested Amount: $20,000
Award Amount: $20,000
Funding Period: October 11, 2018 - October 10, 2019
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Advanced Manufacturing Technology
Project Director: Dr. Esmeralda Adame, Assistant Dean, Business, Public Safety & Technology Division, Associate Professor
Financial Manager: Dr. Esmeralda Adame, Assistant Dean, Business, Public Safety & Technology Division, Associate Professor

This award funded twenty scholarships at $1,000 each from the Gene Haas Foundation to focus on manufacturing education students. Eligible students will be enrolled in South Texas College's Precision Manufacturing Certificate Program with plans to pursue an Associate Degree in Precision Manufacturing Technology.

The Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Planning Grant, Matching Funds

Funding Agency: Starr County Industrial Foundation
Requested Amount: $5,000
Award Amount: $5,000
Funding Period: September 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019
Division/Department: Information Services, Planning, Performance & Strategic Initiatives
Project Director: Dr. David Plummer, Executive VP for Educational Programming and Student Achievement /VP for Information Services, Planning, Performance & Strategic Initiatives
Financial Manager: Dr. David Plummer, Executive VP for Educational Programming and Student Achievement /VP for Information Services, Planning, Performance & Strategic Initiatives

The award from the Department of Commerce was previously authorized by the Board in the amount of $120,000 of which $100,000 are federal funds and $20,000 are an in-kind match from South Texas College. Funds were used to develop an Asset Map for Starr County and to engage community stakeholders in an Economic and Workforce Development 2025 Strategic Planning Conference in partnership with the Starr County Industrial Foundation. It is requested that the Board of Trustees of South Texas College authorize an additional $5,000 in match funds from the Starr County Industrial Foundation to the college to meet the 20% match required by the funding agency, which brings the project budget to $125,000.

Tobacco-Free College Grant Program

Funding Agency: The Truth Initiative
Requested Amount: $20,000
Award Amount: $19,371
Funding Period: February 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
Division/Department: Respiratory Therapy
Project Director: Darcy Carpenter, Instructor
Financial Manager: Gabriel Pena, Department Chair, Respiratory Therapy Instructor

The Truth Initiative awarded funding to 152 minority serving institutions and community colleges to advocate for a 100% smoke-free and tobacco-free college environment. This grant will be managed by the Nursing and Allied Health Division Respiratory Department. Respiratory Club students will promote a tobacco and e-cigarette free environment by hosting open house events including informational booths, social media promotions and flyer and banner distribution at all 5 STC campuses. Two student Taskforce Leaders from the Respiratory Club will co-develop and lead at least four advocacy activities. By the end of the grant period, Truth Initiative will assist grant staff and Club students to draft a policy recommendation for a 100% smoke-free or 100% tobacco-free policy to present to key decision makers.

Jobs and Education for Texans (JET)

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $259,096
Award Amount: $75,807
Funding Period: March 2019 - March 2020
Division/Department: Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)
Project Director: Mariano A. Acevedo, Program Chair
Financial Manager: Dr. Christie M. Candelaria, Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program

The JET grant from the Texas Workforce Commission helped address the current needs of the region by providing students enrolled in South Texas College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program with the opportunity to gain experience using specialized equipment used by in-demand occupations. The simulation equipment will enable students to practice technical nursing skills safely and competently.

AT&T Aspire First Responder Grant

Funding Agency: The AT&T Foundation
Requested Amount: $101,570
Award Amount: $101,570
Funding Period: September 2019 - August 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Jose Moroles, Director Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence
Financial Manager: Jose Moroles, Director Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence

The purpose of the grant is to support the Rio Grande Valley public safety community by providing First Responder Certification training to individuals that are new to the field and First Responder Re-Certification training for First Responders employed by local county and city police, fire, and emergency management services. Training will be conducted through the Continuing Education department in collaboration with the Emergency Medical Technology Program. Funds will be used for personnel, textbooks, supplies and certification fees in support of 40 new certificates and 40 re-certifications.

Skills for Small Business Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $157,500
Award Amount: $157,500
Funding Period: November 1, 2018 - November 30, 2019
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This grant funded training for small businesses from the college's Department of Continuing, Professional Workforce Education. This grant enables the college to support small businesses with fewer than 100 employees with training that upgrades their employees' skills through courses such as accounting, computers, strategic management, HIPAA regulations, and customer service.

2018 College Readiness and Success Models for 60x30TX, Additional Funds

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount: $24,759
Award Amount: $24,759
Funding Period: August 15, 2018 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Developmental Reading
Project Director: Florinda Rodriguez, Developmental Reading Instructor
Financial Manager: Dr. Margaretha E. Bischoff, Dean for Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

This grant is to enhance and scale co-requisite model offerings for Integrated Reading and Writing classes with History, Political Science, Arts, and Academic English to meet or exceed the requirements of House Bill 2223. The proposed project supports student success by offering co-requisite models concurrently leading to successful course completion of both academic and developmental classes. At the time of initial Board approval, the Board was informed that there was a possibility of additional funds being provided by THECB. These additional funds are being awarded to add to the 25% ($66,638) of funds requested in the application and 50% ($108,450) for anticipated completion funding as requested in the application. Total funding from THECB for this grant will not exceed $274,847, which includes initial funds previously authorized in the amount of $75,000.

Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant, Additional Funds (Reallocation)

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount: $259,286
Award Amount: $259,286
Funding Period: September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019
Division/Department: College Wide
Project Director: Samantha B. Uriegas, Grant Management & Compliance Officer II/ Perkins Principal Investigator
Financial Manager: Samantha B. Uriegas, Grant Management & Compliance Officer II/ Perkins Principal Investigator

The purpose of the Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant is to improve graduation, retention, access, quality, and to provide for the expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Each year, after initial allocations to awarded applicants, the THECB issues a reallocation of available remaining funds to applicants who have met or exceeded the state target rates on Core Indicators 2P1: Credential, Certificate, or Diploma; 3P1: Student Retention or Transfer; and, 4P1: Student Placement. These funds were used for instructional resources and equipment for CTE programs. Access to books and state of the art equipment and materials supported CTE students in developing skills for emerging technologies in CTE programs.

With this reallocation, the Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant award to South Texas College for this funding period totals to $2,082,415.

60×30TX
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Skills Development Fund in partnership with RGV Med, L.L.C. (dba Doctors Hospital at Renaissance)

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $1,057,620
Award Amount: $1,057,620
Funding Period: March 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Daniela Masten, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This grant helped provide customized training through a variety of healthcare areas for at least 3,999 new and existing participating employees of RGV Med, L. L. C. (dba Doctors Hospital at Renaissance). These funds help pay for salaries, benefits, tuition, fees, books, instructional supplies, consumables, curriculum development, and equipment.

There are two training programs administered under and supported by this grant funding. The first program encompasses training in a variety of healthcare areas provided by South Texas College to DHR employees. The second program includes a Memorandum of Understanding with RGV Med, L.L.C. for $496,268 whereby DHR will provide highly specialized customized training to their employees. South Texas College is the administrator of this funding and will assist DHR with grant management and accountability and disbursements of funding as training is completed. South Texas College would receive a 10% administrative fee from the grant and would receive $2,650 for equipment used during covered training.

Self Sufficiency Fund Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $140,860
Award Amount: $140,860
Funding Period: April 22, 2019 - April 30, 2020
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional & Workforce Education
Project Director: Elias Hernandez, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia De La Rosa, Director - CPWE

Through this grant, the Department of Continuing Education, Professional and Workforce Education will provide training leading to high demand occupations for 70 participants in the areas of Welding, Phlebotomy and EKG Technician. Workforce Solutions will provide daily case management services and career advancement opportunities for all participants. The funds will help cover tuition, program supplies, and supportive services funds such as fuel stipends.

Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Grant (TAB)

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Foundation with support from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation
Requested Amount: $14,906
Award Amount: $14,906
Funding Period: January 2019 - February 28, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Bachelor of Applied Technology & Science Programs
Project Director: Dr. Kevin M. Peek, Economics Instructor
Financial Manager: Dr. Ali Esmaeili, Dean, Math, Science, & Bachelor Programs

Grant funds will be used to create a handbook that standardizes and codifies guidelines for creating and administering competency-based (CB) programs for South Texas College (STC) faculty, staff, and administrators and other institutions of higher learning in accordance with pertinent accreditation standards, College policies and procedures, and best practices.

60×30TX
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Grant (TAB)

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Foundation with support from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation
Requested Amount: $67,733
Award Amount: $67,733
Funding Period: January 2019 - January 1, 2024
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Bachelor of Applied Technology & Science Programs
Project Director: Dr. Hilaire Saint-Pierre, MHSM Program Chair
Financial Manager: Dr. Ali Esmaeili, Dean Math, Science, & Bachelor Programs

This grant provides funds to increase the number of courses offered in the competency-based (CB) format for the CB Bachelor's Programs in Organizational Leadership and Technology Management. Upper division and general education courses will be converted to the CB format to ensure the programs offer the same quality and resources as traditional bachelor's programs.

Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Grant (TAB) Subaward from University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Foundation with support from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation
Requested Amount: $40,065
Award Amount: $40,065
Funding Period: January 2019 - January 1, 2024
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Bachelor of Applied Technology & Science Programs
Project Director: Dr. Hanan Amro, Professor of Math
Financial Manager: Dr. Ali Esmaeili, Dean, Math, Science, & Bachelor Programs

South Texas College and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) will collaborate to develop a 100% online competency-based (CB) Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Care and Early Childhood Studies (ECEC).

The benefits of this project are increased enrollment, expanded inventory of CB courses, and additional pathways for students to earn bachelor's degree that are affordable, accessible, and accelerated. In addition, STC will contribute $5,855 in-kind support for overseeing the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project.

Apprenticeship Texas Grant Partnership with the Lower Rio Workforce Development Board

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $173,471
Award Amount: $173,471
Funding Period: December 20, 2018 - November 30, 2019
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

This grant was awarded to the Lower Rio Workforce Development Board in partnership with South Texas College for the college to develop four Registered Apprenticeship (RA) training programs for local employers. Training focused on occupations including Auto Service Technician, Industrial Maintenance, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), Maintenance and Machinist for 8-10 new apprentices (per occupation) for a total of thirty-five new apprentices. The total amount awarded to the Lower Rio Workforce Development Board was $199,388 of which $173,470.60 would fund South Texas College to develop and conducting training. The Institute of Advanced Manufacturing is identifying prospective employers including HVAC contractors, local manufacturing companies and automobile dealerships to serve as employment sites and provide RA On-the-Job Training.

Explore STEM! For Students with Disabilities

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $45,558
Award Amount: $45,558
Funding Period: March 1, 2019 - February 29, 2020
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

This grant was awarded to the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing to provide five Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) camps designed to provide students with disabilities (ages 14-22) the opportunity to learn about STEM occupations through instruction, hands-on activities, and interaction with guest speakers who work in STEM fields. This grant provides the South Texas College Institute for Advanced Manufacturing an opportunity to work with students with disabilities, enhance their learning experience through interactive learning, and encourage students to persist in STEM-related studies. Business partners FESTO Didactic, McAllen Flight Academy, and FIRST RGV, provides curriculum development, industry standards development and feedback related to industrial needs.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Agreement with South Texas College

Funding Agency: Region One Education Service Center (ESC)
Requested Amount: $140,000
Award Amount: $140,000
Funding Period: February 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Elias Hernandez, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This agreement between South Texas College's Department of Continuing, Professional, and Workforce Education Department and Region One ESC supports meeting the purposes of the federal GEAR-UP grant awarded to Region One ESC. Through this agreement, South Texas College provided customized training for entry-level positions for at least 100 former GEAR UP students in various areas, including Certified Nurse Assistant, First Responder, Forklift Operator, Mobile Programming, Phlebotomy, Web Developer and Welding. Funds were used for tuition, supplies, GED, TSIA testing and staff salaries.

The RGV Focus Subaward (Talent Hub)

Funding Agency: RGV Focus in Collaboration with Educate Texas and the Communities Foundation of Texas
Requested Amount: $35,000
Award Amount: $35,000
Funding Period: March 2019 - October 31, 2020
Division/Department: Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Project Director: Matthew S. Hebbard, VP Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Financial Manager: Matthew S. Hebbard, VP Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

This sub-award was provided to South Texas College to engage in and collaborate with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Texas Southmost College in a Talent Hub Initiative. The Talent Hub Initiative would create multiple pathways to postsecondary success by identifying strategies for degree completion.

The Lumina Foundation designated the Rio Grande Valley a Talent Hub in recognition of the partnerships through which the Communities Foundation of Texas, STC, UTRGV, and TSC re-engage students who have stopped attending higher education prior to graduating. Additionally, these partnerships support reverse transfer students, which allows South Texas College to award credentials to students who transfer to UTRGV prior to graduation, but subsequently complete the necessary work to earn an associate degree or certificate from South Texas College. The Talent Hub Initiative would fund continued collaboration and development of additional support for student completion of their higher education goals in the Rio Grande Valley.

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Carl D. Perkins State Leadership Subaward from Eastfield College, Dallas Community College District

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Requested Amount: $10,025
Award Amount: $10,025
Funding Period: September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Bachelor of Applied Technology & Science Programs
Project Director: Dr. Kevin M. Peek, Economics Instructor
Financial Manager: Dr. Ali Esmaeili, Dean Math, Science, & Bachelor Programs

Eastfield College plans to develop competency-based education (CBE) Blended Pathways options with the mentor support of South Texas College as a primary partner for the project. Funds from this subaward will be used for personnel to serve as subject-matter experts and for travel costs to provide training and guidance at Eastfield College for faculty and staff in the development of the Competency-based Education (CBE) Blended Pathways model.

High Demand Job Training Grant, Agreement Between Workforce Solutions, South Texas College and the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $93,110
Award Amount: $73,260
Funding Period: February 1, 2019 - May 30, 2020
Division/Department: Industrial Training & Economic Development/Institute Advanced Manufacturing
Project Director: Leonel Garcia, Training Manager
Financial Manager: Dr. Carlos Margo, Assoc. Dean Industrial Training & Economic Development

Through this grant, Workforce Solutions, in collaboration with South Texas College's Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation will provide training for 53 new and incumbent workers from businesses in Edinburg. Funding will be used to develop a first-of-its-kind maintenance program for biomedical equipment in the City of Edinburg. Additionally, a customized Certified Nursing Assistance Program will provide trainees who successfully complete the program with a Phlebotomy Certification from the National Health Care Association for Phlebotomy Technicians. Additional training areas include Customer Service and Cybersecurity. The Edinburg Economic Development Corporation has also committed matching funds for this grant in the amount of $93,110.56 for a total of $186,220.56 for this project.

Carl D. Perkins Reserve Grant Sub-award from the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD)

Funding Agency: Texas Education Agency
Requested Amount: $500,923
Award Amount: $500,923
Funding Period: July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Business, Public Safety & Technology
Project Director: Francisco Salinas, Asst. Professor of Information Technology Program
Financial Manager: Dr. Rebecca De Leon, Dean for Dual Credit Programs & School District Partnerships

The Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD) was awarded the Carl D. Perkins Reserve grant to implement a project entitled College and Career Regional Cybersecurity Pathway (CCRCP) in partnership with South Texas College, Hidalgo ISD, Valley View ISD, the Texas Valley Communities Foundation as the intermediary organization, and five industry/business employer partners (Frontera Consulting LLC, CODE RFG, the City of Pharr, AFT Federal Credit Union, RGV Med, LLC (dba Doctors Hospital at Renaissance (DHR), and R3ST Cyber Compliance Solutions). The goal of the CCRCP is to create, monitor, and sustain a cross-sector partnership and implement multiple exit-entrance pathways aligned to the needs of a cybersecurity workforce.

The total amount awarded to PSJA ISD for the CCRCP project is $700,000, and STC received a sub-award in the amount of $500,923. Approximately 75% of the funds are dedicated to equipping a Cybersecurity laboratory for courses taught at South Texas College's Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence. Thirty-five high school students will have the opportunity to earn a Cybersecurity Specialist Certificate leading to an Associate's Degree and a Bachelors of Applied Technology in Computer Information Technologies. The CCRCP project aligns to regional labor market demands and will provide work-based learning opportunities and career coaching support for students.

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John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Scholarship Funds

Funding Agency: Kenedy Memorial Foundation
Requested Amount: $15,000
Award Amount: $15,000
Funding Period: June 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Business, Public Safety & Technology
Project Director: Sara Lozano, Program Chair, Assistant Professor
Financial Manager: Sara Lozano, Program Chair, Assistant Professor

Funding from the Kenedy Memorial Foundation will provide scholarships for students that are in need of financial assistance to help support the completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree in a technical field through the Division of Business, Public Safety, and Technology.

The John G. and Marie Stella KENEDY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Skills for Small Business Fund, Additional Funds

Funding Agency: Texas Workforce Commission
Requested Amount: $78,750
Award Amount: $78,750
Funding Period: November 1, 2018 - November 30, 2019
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This grant helped provide training offered by the Department of Continuing, Professional Workforce Education and the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing to local employers. This program supports businesses with fewer than 100 employees and upgrades employees' skills by offering courses such as accounting, computers, strategic management, HIPAA, and customer service. Additional funds will provide training in areas such as communications skills, medical billing and coding, time management and medical office manager.

Skills for Small Business

Carl D. Perkins State Leadership Subaward, Advancing Completion and Employment in Information Technology (ACE-IT) Grant

Funding Agency: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount: $196,145
Award Amount: $196,020
Funding Period: September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2021
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Business, Public Safety & Technology
Project Director: Dr. Rosemond A. Moore, Asst. Professor of Business Administration
Financial Manager: Mario Reyna, Dean Business, Public Safety & Technology

Funding from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will help advance the 60x30TX state plan for the development of a replicable CTE Pathway, based on a Competency-Based Education (CBE) framework for high-wage/ high-demand occupations in Information Technology career clusters. The program will help to increase the completion of Computer Network Specialist and Computer User Support Specialist Certifications for the creation of a replicable IT work-based learning model that includes a Pre-apprenticeship to Apprenticeship design with a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), direct classroom instruction, and CBE coursework that leads to postsecondary credential completion.

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The Association of American Colleges and Universities Subaward with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Ascendium Education Group, Inc.,

Funding Agency: Association of American Colleges and Universities
Requested Amount: $30,000
Award Amount: $30,000
Funding Period: June 1, 2019 - August 31, 2021
Division/Department: Academic Affairs/Curriculum & Student Learning
Project Director: Dr. Christopher Nelson, Associate Dean Curriculum & Student Learning
Financial Manager: Dr. Christopher Nelson, Associate Dean Curriculum & Student Learning

This subaward is provided to South Texas College for participation in the Association of American Colleges and Universities' (AAC&U) Strengthening Guided Pathways and Career Success by Ensuring Students are Learning project. Guided Pathways support student success and builds institutional capacity by defining clear and coherent pathways for degree completion and ensures learning while on the pathways, leading to completion of a postsecondary degree or credential. Funds will be used for faculty stipends, professional development, and travel to support project goals.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant

Funding Agency:	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Requested Amount:	$1,876,900
Award Amount:	$1,876,900
Funding Period:	September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
Division/Department:	College Wide
Project Director:	Samantha B. Uriegas, Grant Management & Compliance Officer II/ Perkins Principal Investigator
Financial Manager:	Samantha B. Uriegas, Grant Management & Compliance Officer II/ Perkins Principal Investigator

This grant focuses on improving the academic and technical achievement of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students, strengthening the connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and improving accountability. Funds will be used for instructional equipment, examination training services, professional development, CTE personnel and other program activities for Career and Technical Education in the Division of Academic Affairs (Nursing and Allied Health; Business and Technology; and Liberal Arts & Social Sciences), Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Continuing and Professional Workforce Education, and Information Services and Planning.

United States Department of Education, High School Equivalency Program

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Requested Amount: $1,919,976
Award Amount: $1,919,976
Funding Period: July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2024
Division/Department: Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education
Project Director: Elias Hernandez, Program Developer and Coordinator
Financial Manager: Olivia D. De La Rosa, Director Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

The purpose of this grant is to implement a 5-year project that will assist a total of 500 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFW) and eligible family members to obtain the equivalent of a secondary school diploma with opportunities to enroll in a post-secondary Industry Recognized Certification Career Pathway Training Program at South Texas College and to continue to complete a degree program. Funds will be used for personnel to provide oversight, coordination of the project, individualized case management support, supplies, tuition, fees, fuel allowances for HEP participants, and the external evaluation of the project.

Award Amount Increased - FY17- FY19

South Texas College has received an increasing amount of grant funds over the past three years. As shown on the bar graph below, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, the amount awarded was approximately $4M. In FY2018, grants totaled to nearly $6M, and in FY19, the amount awarded to South Texas College was approximately $9.5M.

In addition to working to secure funding, an important initiative of our department involves cultivating relationships and expanding partnerships with other organizations that seek to accomplish similar or complementary goals. The number of awards to the college from FY18 to FY19 with external partnerships increased by thirteen percent (13%) and over half of all grant applications submitted in FY19 involved partnerships with public, private, and non-profit organizations. Many funding agencies encourage partnerships through grants, and we recognize that partnerships can be beneficial. Partner organizations often share resources and contribute to meeting project goals and objectives, which can lead to a greater impact.

One of the most important things to remember about grants is not the total dollar amount, but ***the impact that those dollars have on people's lives.*** Since South Texas College was founded in 1993, growth has been rapid and educational opportunities have made a tremendous impact for the residents of Hidalgo and Starr Counties. The grants that our institution has received have provided resources that support student success, the development and enhancement of academic and non-academic workforce development programs that have led to better jobs, increased wages, and new and rewarding careers for people. An increasing number of residents have attained the equivalent of a high school diploma, receive marketable skills training, industry recognized credentials, certificates and degrees through grant funded projects. Students have received scholarships, gained experience doing research, and have had opportunities to engage in work-based learning to prepare them for their chosen careers. A variety of opportunities through grants and grant partnerships have truly made a difference.

We hope that by reviewing this Annual Grant Award Report, you are encouraged by the information about grant projects and the photos that illustrate the impact that these grants have made. We are optimistic that you and others will be inspired to continue to or to get involved with grants at South Texas College.

EXCEPTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Special thanks to all who contribute toward the continued success of South Texas College. Our collective efforts to secure external funds through grants expands the capacity of the College to achieve its mission and goals.

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