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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND

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KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Workforce Commission
- ◆ **Application Guide:**
<http://bit.ly/1WZWSzH>
- ◆ **Award:**
Maximum Request: \$500,000
- ◆ **Deadline:**
Open Enrollment
- ◆ **Contact Information:**

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SUMMARY

The Skills Development Fund provides local customized training opportunities for Texas businesses and workers to increase skill levels and wages of the Texas workforce.

DESCRIPTION

A business, consortium of businesses, or trade union identifies a training need, and then partners with a public community or technical college to fill its specific needs. Businesses work with college partners to submit proposals, develop curricula and conduct training. The Skills Development Fund pays for the training, the college administers the grant, and businesses create new jobs and improve the skills of their current workers. For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit: <http://bit.ly/1WZWSzH>

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Public Community Colleges, Public Technical Colleges, the Texas Engineering Extension Service, and a community-based organization partnered with one of the previous ones.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Funds can be applied toward tuition, curriculum development, instructor fees and training materials. Grant funds may not be used to pay for trainee wages, drug testing, travel costs and certain equipment purchases. Skills Development Fund grants emphasize highly technical training curricula appropriate to the participating business partner's industry. This customized training includes:

- 1) Tailored curriculum specific to the business partner's needs
- 2) Classes conducted at the employer's site or at the training provider's location
- 3) Flexible class schedules to minimize impact to employers
- 4) Addressing company needs in real time using real work situations