## **TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION (TWC)**

## **GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT**

TWC Award Number	1723SSD001							
Grant Program Title	SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS WITH CHILDCARE FUNDING							
Award Amount	\$36,750.00							
	Grantee Name							
	Angelina County Junior College District							
	Period of Award							
-	eement shall begin the later of <b>September 1, 2022</b> or the date upon which it							
has been signed by bo mutual written agreen	th parties, and shall terminate on <b>August 31, 2023,</b> unless amended by nent of the parties							
	Signature Authority							
<ul><li>execute this Gra</li><li>validly and legal</li></ul>	<ul> <li>The person signing this Grant Award Agreement on behalf of TWC, the Grantee, and the Grantee's Fiscal Agent (if applicable) hereby warrants that he or she has been fully authorized to:</li> <li>execute this Grant Award Agreement on behalf of TWC or Grantee's organization, and</li> <li>validly and legally bind the organization to all the terms, performances, and provisions of this Grant Award Agreement.</li> </ul>							
Agency Approval	Texas Workforce Commission         Model         Mary H York         Division Director, Outreach & Employer Initiatives         Date:							
Award Acceptance	Angelina County Junior College District         Dr. Michael Simon         Dr. Michael Simon         President         Date:       8/30/2022							

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#### SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act

Pursuant to OMB Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) provisions at 2 CFR §§200.101(b)(2) and 200.332(a)(2), the Special Federal Award Terms and Conditions for Child Care and Development Fund Grants pass through terms and conditions specific to the federal award, which are not set forth elsewhere in this TWC grant award. These grant funds awarded by TWC must be used in compliance with the following federal terms and conditions, in addition to the other provisions of this TWC grant award.

Effective December 2014, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) specific implementing regulations of Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Regulations for HHS Awards is codified at 45 CFR Part 75. Unless otherwise stated, grantees must refer to HHS-specific language in 45 CFR Part 75 rather than 2 CFR Part 200.

1. Federal Award Terms and Applicable Legislation, Statute, and Regulations

The Special Federal Award Terms and Conditions contained herein are based on the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) General Terms and Conditions for Mandatory Formula, Block and Entitlement Grant Programs July 26, 2021 Version of the Program Specific Terms and Conditions for Child Care and Development Fund Grants to State and Territory Grantees, which are the versions currently used by ACF, and the Supplemental Terms and Conditions applicable to the Supplemental Funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The administration of this program is subject to:

 statutory requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2);

- Child Care and Development Block Grant (CDGGB) Act at 42 USC § 9857, et. seq., as amended, and related regulations at 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99; and
- provisions of the current approved CCDF State, Territory, or Tribal Plan, as applicable, including all approved amendments or revisions.

As noted in the Information Memorandum on CCDF supplemental funds available under CRRSA and ARPA, these funds are subject to all CCDF discretionary requirements, except as noted.

#### 2. Federal Participation

Funds for this program are awarded with a 100 percent Federal Financial Participation rate for program costs, so there is no non-federal cost share required for this program.

3. Matching

These grant funds may not be used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal grant programs.

#### 4. Salary Limitation

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31), enacted May 5, 2017, Grant Award funds issued under this grant must not be used to pay the salary of an individual at a rate in excess of Federal Executive Level II. The Federal Executive Level II salary can be found in the Salaries & Wages tables on the US Office of Personnel Management website at <u>https://www.opm.gov</u>. This amount reflects an individual's base salary exclusive of fringe and any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of the duties to organization. This salary limitation also applies to subawards, contracts, and subcontracts.

5. Federal Funding Disclosure Statement (Requirement to Provide Certain Information in Public Communications)

This TWC grant award must be used in compliance with Section 505 of Public Law 115-31, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, which reads:

"When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all recipients receiving Federal funds, including in this Act, including but not limited to State and local governments and recipients of Federal research grants, shall clearly state:

(1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money,

(2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and

(3) percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources."

6. Pro-KIDS Act of 1994 Smoking Prohibitions

In accordance with Title XII, of Public Law 103-227, the Pro-KIDS Act of 1994, (20 USC §7183), smoking may not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or regularly used for the provision of health, day care, education or library services to children under age 18, if the services are funded by federal programs whether directly or through State, Territories, local and Tribal governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan guarantees, subawards, and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and any portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. The language above must be included in any subawards that contain provisions for children's services and that all subawards shall certify compliance accordingly. Failure to comply with the provisions of this law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 per day.

7. Human Trafficking Provisions

This TWC grant award is subject to the requirements in §106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 USC §7104). The full text of this requirement is found on the HHS ACF website at <u>https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/award-term-and-condition-</u> <u>trafficking-persons</u>.

#### 8. Construction Prohibitions

Unless superseded by program-specific regulations, this TWC grant award may not be used for construction or the purchase of land.

9. Fiscal and Accounting Procedures

Fiscal and accounting procedures must be sufficient to permit the preparation of required reports and the tracing of expenditures to a level necessary to establish that such federal funds have not been used in violation of terms and conditions.

10. Non-Discrimination Legal Requirements for Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance

You must administer your project in compliance with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, and, in some circumstances, religion, conscience, and sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy). This includes taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to individuals with limited English proficiency and providing programs that are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. See <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html</a> and <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html</a>.

You must take reasonable steps to ensure that your project provides meaningful access to individuals with limited English proficiency. For guidance on meeting your legal obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to your programs or activities by limited English proficient individuals, see <u>https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html and https://www.lep.gov/.</u>

For information on your specific legal obligations for serving qualified individuals with disabilities, including providing program access, reasonable modifications, and taking appropriate steps to provide effective communication, see <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/understanding/disability/index.html">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/understanding/disability/index.html</a>.

HHS-funded health and education programs must be administered in an environment free of sexual harassment. See <u>https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html</u>.

For guidance on administering your project in compliance with applicable federal religious nondiscrimination laws and applicable federal conscience protection and associated antidiscrimination laws, see <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/">https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/</a> index.html and <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protection</a>

Grantee shall comply with the following federal regulations related to nondiscrimination:

- 45 CFR Part 80 Nondiscrimination Under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 45 CFR Part 84 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance
- 45 CFR Part 86 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities Receiving and Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance
- 45 CFR Part 91 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in HHS Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

11. Prohibition on Expending HHS Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as per 2 CFR §200.216

Effective August 13, 2020, 2 CFR §200.216 applies to all grant programs.

"Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

(a) As described in 2 CFR 200.216, recipients and subrecipients are prohibited to obligate or spend grant funds (to include direct and indirect expenditures as well as cost share and program) to:

- (1) Procure or obtain,
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into contract (or extend or renew contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Pub. L. 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies
Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications
Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology
Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

ii.Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise, connected to the government of a covered foreign country."

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **SECTION 1 - Legal Authority**

The Texas Workforce Commission (hereinafter identified as the Agency) is responsible for administering an integrated workforce development system, including job training, employment, employment-related educational programs, and the unemployment compensation insurance program, under the authority of Texas Labor Code § 302.021. Pursuant to Texas Labor Code § 302.002(b), the Agency shall have the authority to enter into contracts and administer programs.

The Agency is the designated agency of this state to implement Texas Labor Code Chapter 303 and 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapters 803 and 809.

#### **SECTION 2 - Purpose**

- 2.1 This grant award sets forth the responsibilities and obligations of the Agency, the other party(ies) to this grant (hereinafter identified as the Grantee), and its Fiscal Agent (if different from the Grantee), with respect to the implementation and administration of the program defined within the Statements of Work.
- 2.2 The Grantee and the Agency agree that:
  - 2.2.1 The purpose of the Skills Development Fund is to enhance the ability of public community and technical colleges and the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) to respond to industry and workforce training needs and to develop incentives for public community and technical colleges, TEEX, or community-based organizations only in partnership with the public community and technical colleges or the TEEX, to provide customized assessment and training in a timely and efficient manner.
  - 2.2.2 The overall goal of the Skills Development Fund is to increase the skill level and wages of the Texas workforce.
  - 2.2.3 The goal for the services and activities funded with Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding is to support the stability of the child care sector to help providers afford increased operating expenses.

2.3 The parties agree that they share an obligation for accomplishing the goals and objectives set forth by federal or state funding sources.

#### **SECTION 3 – Order of Precedence**

This Grant Award between the Agency and the Grantee consists of the documents listed in the Table of Contents. Documents on this list include all amendments. In the event of a conflict of terms, precedence shall be given to the federal terms and conditions included in the documents. In the event and to the extent any provisions contained in the multiple documents address the same or substantially the same matter but do not actually conflict, the most recent provisions shall be deemed to have superseded earlier provisions. All Grant provisions, however, are subject to control by the latest amendment and most specific provision and by the applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

#### **SECTION 4 - Grant Performance**

- 4.1 The Grantee understands that this grant award is not assignable. Notwithstanding any attempt to assign the grant, the Grantee shall remain fully liable for this grant award and shall not be released from performing any of the terms, covenants, or conditions herein.
- 4.2 The Grantee agrees to perform under this grant award in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and the requirements established within the Statements of Work.

Services under this award shall be provided in compliance with:

- 4.2.1 all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and rules;
- 4.2.2 all Agency policies and procedures or guidance materials incorporated herein by specific reference;
- 4.2.3 the terms and conditions of this grant award; and
- 4.2.4 appropriate federal and state licensing or certification requirements.
- 4.3 The Grantee has, or shall obtain within forty-five (45) days, personnel necessary to implement project requirements and to ensure compliance with this grant award.
- 4.4 The Grantee shall notify the Agency in writing, within ten (10) calendar days, of any change in key personnel assigned to the implementation and administration of this grant award.

(Key personnel are defined, for the purposes of this grant award, as those personnel whose oversight and guidance are essential to the work being performed hereunder and whose knowledge, qualifications, and experience are critical to the achievement of the objectives of this grant award.)

- 4.5 In consideration of the Grantee's full and satisfactory performance of the specified services, the Agency shall be liable to the Grantee in accordance with the terms and limitations established within the attachments to this grant award.
- 4.6 Except with respect to defaults of sub-contractors, no liability or loss of rights hereunder shall result to either party from delay or failure in performance (including any failure by the grantee to progress in the performance of the work) if such failure arises out of causes beyond the reasonable control and without the default or negligence of the party affected.

Such causes may include but are not limited to acts of God, acts of a public enemy, acts of the Government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, serious labor disputes, shortage of, or inability to obtain material or equipment and unusually severe weather. In every case, however, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the party affected.

#### **SECTION 5 - Administrative Requirements**

- 5.1 This grant award shall be construed, interpreted, and applied in accordance with the laws of Texas, excluding its choice of law rules.
- 5.2 If any of the provisions of this grant award shall contravene or be invalid under the laws of the United States or the State of Texas, such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire grant award. It shall be construed as if not containing the particular provision or provisions held to be invalid, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly. The Grantee and the Agency shall endeavor to agree on a mutually acceptable alternative provision.

In the event of a conflict between such laws and regulations and the terms and conditions of this grant award, precedence shall be given to the laws and regulations.

- 5.3 This grant award between the Grantee and the Agency shall be governed by and conform to the administrative requirements and the cost principles found in:
  - 5.3.1 the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Guidance (UG) 2 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 200, as supplemented by the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS);
  - 5.3.2 the Agency's Financial Manual for Grants and Contracts (FMGC); and
  - 5.3.3 any directives specified by Agency issuances except as otherwise specifically authorized by the Agency in writing.
- 5.4 The Grantee shall use generally accepted accounting principles and shall comply with the applicable cost principles and administrative requirements as recognized or defined in pronouncements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or by other entities having similar generally recognized authority.

## SECTION 6 - Rights in Data, Products, or Inventions

- 6.1 The Agency may reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, perform publicly, and display publicly, by or on behalf of the Agency any data, product, or invention developed under this grant award or purchased with funds from this grant award.
- 6.2 Excluding copyrighted, licensed, and public domain software, the Grantee grants to the Agency and its designated representatives, unlimited rights to any data, databases, or data processing programs first developed, produced, or delivered under this grant award. Such data includes recorded information regardless of form or media.
- 6.3 Upon termination of this grant award, whether for cause or convenience, all finished or unfinished documents, records, reports, photographs, etc., purchased, developed, or prepared by the Grantee with funds from this grant shall, at the option of the Agency, become the property of the Agency.

In the event of such termination, the Grantee may be requested to transfer title and deliver to the Agency any property or products the Grantee has acquired or produced in performance of the grant award.

6.4 All data and rights necessary to fulfill the Grantee's obligations to the Agency under this grant award must be secured and obtained from its sub-contractors for any data or rights purchased, developed, or prepared with funds from this grant.

If a sub-contractor refuses to accept terms affording the Agency such rights, the Grantee shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of the Agency.

- 6.5 The Agency and its officers, agents, and employees are indemnified against liability, including costs, for infringement of any United States patent (except a patent issued upon an application that is now or may hereafter be withheld from issue pursuant to a Secrecy Order under 35 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 181) arising out of the manufacture or delivery of supplies, the performance of services, or the construction, alteration, modification, or repair of real property under this grant award, or out of the use or disposal by or for the account of the Agency of such supplies or construction work.
- 6.6 The Agency retains a non-exclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice, or have practiced the subject invention throughout the world with respect to any invention resulting from activities funded by this grant award in which the Grantee retains title.

#### **SECTION 7 - Prevention of Fraud**

- 7.1 The Grantee shall establish and implement procedures for preventing, reporting, investigating, and taking appropriate legal and/or administrative action concerning any fraud, program abuse, possible illegal expenditures, unlawful activity, violations of law, or Agency rules, policies, and procedures occurring under this grant award.
- 7.2 Any member of the Grantee's staff or Grantee's sub-contractor's staff having knowledge of suspected fraud, program abuse, possible illegal expenditures, unlawful activity, violations of law or Agency rules, policies and procedures occurring under this grant award, shall report such information to the Agency's Office of Investigations no later than five (5) working days from the date of discovery of such act.
- 7.3 An Incident Report regarding such an act must be submitted to:

Texas Workforce Commission Office of Investigations 101 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 230 Austin, Texas 78778-0001

- 7.4 The Grantee shall establish and implement reasonable internal program management procedures sufficient to ensure that its employees, participants, and sub-contractors are aware of the Agency's Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-3642) and that Hotline posters are displayed to ensure maximum exposure to all persons associated with or having an interest in the programs or services provided under this grant award.
- 7.5 Except as provided by law or court order, the parties to this grant award shall ensure the confidentiality of all reports of violations, as listed above. Neither the Grantee nor the Agency shall retaliate against any person filing a report.
- 7.6 Upon review of submitted reports, the Agency's Office of Investigations may elevate the report to the appropriate federal authority, accept the case for investigation and/or action at the state level, or return the case to the Grantee, or Grantee's sub-contractor, for action including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 7.6.1 further investigation;
  - 7.6.2 referral for prosecution under the Texas Penal Code, or other state or federal laws; and/or
  - 7.6.3 other corrective action, as may be appropriate.
- 7.7 When referred back to the Grantee, the Grantee shall ensure that a final investigation closing report is submitted to the Agency's Office of Investigations after all feasible avenues of investigation have been taken. After all associated legal and/or corrective action has been taken; the Grantee shall submit a final action report to the Office of Investigations.

## **SECTION 8 - Preventing Conflict of Interest**

- 8.1 The Grantee shall take every reasonable course of action to maintain integrity in the expenditure of these public funds and to avoid favoritism and questionable or improper conduct.
- 8.2 The Grantee shall administer this award in an impartial manner, free from efforts to gain personal, financial, or political benefit, tangible or intangible. The Grantee and its executive staff and employees, while administering this grant award shall avoid situations which could give the appearance that any decision was influenced by prejudice, bias, special interest, or desire for personal gain.

- 8.3 The Grantee assures that no member of its governing body shall participate in any decision relating to any sub-contract which affects his/her personal pecuniary interest or the interests of any:
  - 8.3.1 employees or sub-contractors of the Grantee; or
  - 8.3.2 persons who exercise any function or responsibility in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this grant award.
- 8.4 The Grantee shall maintain on file, and make available for inspection by the Agency, a statement submitted by each Grantee employee, sub-contractor, or governing body member disclosing any interest, fact or circumstance which does or may present a potential conflict of interest. Such conflict of interest disclosure statements shall be updated as circumstances require, but at least annually.

The above paragraph shall serve as a minimum standard and shall not be construed as to limit the Grantee's authority for more restrictive governance to prevent real and/or apparent conflicts of interest.

#### **SECTION 9 - Grant Provisions**

- 9.1 The Grantee shall comply with the following:
  - 9.1.1 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 § 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794, as amended;
  - 9.1.2 Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq., and 2000e-16, as amended;
  - 9.1.3 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688, as amended;
  - 9.1.4 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., as amended;
  - 9.1.5 The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., as amended;
  - 9.1.6 Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2501 et seq.;
  - 9.1.7 Applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq., and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., as amended;
  - 9.1.8 The rights and responsibilities for charitable and faith-based providers set forth in of the
     Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) § 104, 42
     U.S.C. § 604a, as applicable; and
  - 9.1.9 The Job Training or Employment Assistance Programs, Services, and Preferences Available to Veterans, set forth in Texas Labor Code §§ 302.151-302.153.

- 9.2 The Agency and the Grantee may not deny services under this grant award to any person and are prohibited from discriminating against any employee, applicant for employment, or beneficiary because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, temporary medical condition, political affiliation or belief, or citizenship.
- 9.3 The Grantee and any subcontractor shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free from discrimination.
- 9.4 The Grantee shall make a reasonable effort to meet the state goal on sub-contracts and supplier contracts to Historically Underutilized Businesses certified by the State of Texas, as defined in Texas Government Code § 2161.001, including any certified women or minority owned businesses or enterprises.

#### **SECTION 10 - Sub-Contractors**

The Grantee assures that the performance rendered by all sub-contractors shall comply with all the terms and provisions of this grant award as if the performance were rendered by the Grantee, and shall require such sub-contractors to comply with all requirements, as covered in this grant award.

#### SECTION 11 - Records: Retention, Confidentiality, and Access

- 11.1 The Grantee agrees to retain financial and supporting documents, statistical records, and any other records pertinent to the services provided under this grant for which a claim or report was submitted to the Agency. These supporting records and documents must be kept for a minimum of seven (7) years after final payment and all other pending matters are closed out.
- 11.2 The Grantee shall establish and maintain a method to secure the confidentiality of records and other information relating to clients in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. This provision shall not be construed as limiting the Agency's right of access to client case records or other information relating to clients served under this grant award.
- 11.3 The Grantee shall grant access and the right to examine, copy, or mechanically reproduce all reports, books, papers, documents, automated data systems, and other records pertaining to this grant award from Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time, excluding state

or federal holidays. Such rights of access and examination are granted to the duly authorized representatives of:

- 11.3.1 the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 11.3.2 the United States Department of Education;
- 11.3.3 the United States Department of Health and Human Services;
- 11.3.4 the United States Department of Labor;
- 11.3.5 the Comptroller General of the United States;
- 11.3.6 the General Accounting Office;
- 11.3.7 the Auditor of the State of Texas;
- 11.3.8 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- 11.3.9 the Agency; and
- 11.3.10 other state and federal auditing agencies.
- 11.4 Such rights to access shall continue as long as the Grantee retains the records.
- 11.5 The Agency, and any of its authorized representatives, shall have timely and reasonable access to all Grantee records and personnel related to this agreement for the purpose of inspection, monitoring, auditing, evaluation, interview, and discussion.

#### **SECTION 12 - Monitoring, Audits, and Evaluations**

- 12.1 The Grantee shall supply to the Agency an audit that is in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, July 1996, 31 U.S.C., Chapter 75, and OMB's UG, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, applicable at the time costs were incurred.
- 12.2 The Agency reserves the right to conduct, or cause to be conducted, an independent audit of all funds received by the Grantee under this grant award. Such an audit may be performed by the local government audit staff, a certified public accounting firm, or other auditors as designated by the Agency and must be conducted in accordance with applicable federal rules and regulations, grant award guidelines, and established professional standards and practices.
- 12.3 The Grantee understands that acceptance of funds under this grant award acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to audit or investigate the expenditure

of funds under this grant award or any subcontract. The Grantee further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor, including providing all records requested. The Grantee will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the Grantee and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

12.4 The Grantee shall develop and maintain a sub-contractor monitoring system, acceptable to the Agency, covering any sub-contract it awards from this grant award.

Complete records of all monitoring performed by the Grantee shall be maintained and made available to the Agency during such sub-contract performance periods and for as long thereafter as an unresolved deficiency may require.

12.5 The Agency reserves the right to conduct or cause a designee to conduct monitoring and evaluation studies of the performance of the Grantee or any sub-contractor for services rendered under this grant award.

The Agency retains the right to perform such monitoring and evaluation studies that it determines necessary and will report preliminary results to the Grantee and any sub-contractor before the monitoring and evaluation is concluded and the results are made a matter of record.

- 12.6 If a charitable or faith-based organization who is a sub-contractor to the Grantee establishes a separate account for the government funds provided through this grant award, then only the services and activities supported by those funds will be subject to audit by the Agency or its duly authorized representatives.
- 12.7 The Grantee shall cooperate with any audit or examination conducted pursuant to this section.

#### **SECTION 13 - Dispute Resolution**

- 13.1 To the extent applicable under state and federal law, a Grantee's claim for breach that the parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the dispute resolution process provided for in 40 TAC, Chapter 800, Subchapter K, as further described in this section.
  - 13.1.1 To initiate the process, the Grantee shall submit written notice to the Agency's ContractManager. Said notice shall specifically include the information required by 40 TAC § 800.453,

as well as other supporting documentation or other tangible evidence to facilitate the Agency's evaluation of the Grantee's claim.

- 13.1.2 Neither the execution of this grant award by the Agency nor any other conduct of any representative of the Agency relating to this grant award nor the dispute resolution process described herein shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit.
- 13.2 Neither the occurrence of an event nor the pendency of a claim constitutes grounds for the suspension of performance by the Grantee, in whole or in part.

#### **SECTION 14 - Sanctions and Penalties**

- 14.1 The Grantee acknowledges and accepts that special conditions may be imposed by the Agency, and certain enforcement remedies exercised (set forth within OMB's UG), if the Grantee has been designated as a "high risk" grantee. Special conditions or restrictions could include:
  - 14.1.1 payment on a reimbursement basis;
  - 14.1.2 withholding authority to proceed to the next project phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance;
  - 14.1.3 additional and more detailed financial reporting;
  - 14.1.4 additional project monitoring;
  - 14.1.5 requiring the Grantee to obtain technical or management assistance;
  - 14.1.6 establishing additional prior approvals; or
  - 14.1.7 other conditions or restrictions appropriate to the circumstances.
- 14.2 The Grantee acknowledges and accepts that failure of the Grantee to comply with any provision of this grant award, whether stated in a federal or state statute or regulation, Commission rules, an assurance, a certification, an application, or Agency policies or procedures referenced in a grant award may subject the Grantee to sanctions and enforcement or remedial measures appropriate to the circumstances, including temporary withholding of cash payments, disallowance of costs, whole or partial suspension of the award, withholding of further awards or other remedies that may be legally available.
- 14.3 The Grantee is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the Agency and as such

indemnifies the Agency against all disallowed costs or other claims that may be asserted by any third party in connection with any training program or project funded subject to this grant award.

- 14.4 The Grantee shall be liable to repay to the Agency any funds not expended in accordance with this grant award, or determined to be expended in violation of the terms of this grant award and under OMB's UG applicable to educational institutions, including loss arising from a fraudulent or dishonest act of the Grantee's officers and employees holding positions of fiduciary trust.
- 14.5 All repayment made by the Grantee to the Agency pursuant to Section 13.3 or 13.4 of this GTC shall be from non-federal funds.
- 14.6 The Grantee's failure to make repayment to the Agency within thirty (30) days after demand may result in legal actions to recover such funds and any additional costs incurred by the Agency, including allowable interest.

#### **SECTION 15 - Appeals**

Any sanctions or penalties imposed under this grant may be appealed pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260.

#### **SECTION 16 - Changes and Amendments**

- 16.1 This grant award, and all documents or subsequent agreements referenced herein, is the entire agreement between the parties. All oral or written agreements between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter of this grant award that were made prior to the execution of this grant award have been reduced to writing and are contained or referenced herein.
- 16.2 Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this grant award required by changes in federal or state law or by regulations are automatically incorporated into this grant award without written amendment hereto, and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.
- 16.3 To ensure effective performance under this grant award, all parties agree that the Agency may amend performance requirements during this grant period, to interpret or clarify a change in federal or state law, rules, or regulations, by issuing formal directives to establish or clarify such performance requirements.

- 16.3.1 After a period of no less than thirty (30) days subsequent to written notice (unless more rapid implementation is required by law) such formal directives shall have the effect of qualifying the terms of this grant award and shall be binding upon the Grantee and the Agency as if written herein.
- 16.3.2 Such Agency directives shall not alter the terms of this grant award so as to relieve the Agency of any obligation specified in this grant award to reimburse the Grantee for costs properly incurred <u>prior to the effective date</u> of such formal directives.
- 16.4 The Agency reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to renegotiate the objectives, expected outcomes, budget, or performance period of this grant award if deemed necessary by the Agency to meet the purposes and goals of the Skills Development Fund or the Skills for Small Business Program with Child Care Funding.
- 16.5 The Agency reserves the sole option to renew or extend this grant award after the initial period. Such renewal will be based upon a compliance review and the Agency's continuing need for the services. The Grantee may submit a written request that the Agency consider a renewal or extension. Such written request must be received by the Agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of this grant award.

Except as specifically provided by Sections 15.1, 15.2, and 15.3 of this GTC, any additions, alterations, deletions, or extensions to the terms of this grant award shall be by amendment hereto in writing and executed by all parties to this grant award except for budget line item changes, which shall be processed pursuant to Section 1.6 of Attachment B of this grant award.

16.6 In consideration of the grant award, the Grantee and the Agency agree that the Agency will periodically issue updates to Attachment A-1, Grant Training Objectives and Outcomes Information to add specific requirements and performance to the allowable services and activities of this project. Such periodic Attachment A-1 updates shall be incorporated into this grant award and shall be compiled in quarterly mutual written grant award amendments.

#### **SECTION 17 - Termination**

- 17.1 This grant award may be terminated, in whole or in part, by the Agency whenever it determines that such termination is in its best interests
- 17.2 The parties shall be discharged from any further obligations under this grant award, except for the equitable settlement of the respective accrued interests or obligations incurred up to the effective date of termination if:
  - 17.2.1 funding is not available from either the Federal or State funding sources identified in Attachment A, Section 2;
  - 17.2.2 state laws or regulations are amended or judicially interpreted to render continued fulfillment of this grant award substantially unreasonable or impossible; or
  - 17.2.3 the parties are unable to agree on an amendment to enable continued performance under this grant award.
- 17.3 When justified, either party may terminate this grant award for cause, pending completion of any reports or audits required by the Agency. Such termination shall be effective upon receipt of written notification of termination, provided no less than sixty (60) days in advance. In the event of such termination, the Grantee shall be entitled to reimbursement for allowable expenditures up to the termination date of such grant award.
- 17.4 Notwithstanding the Agency's exercise of its right of early termination of this grant award, the Grantee shall not be relieved of any liability for damages due to the Agency. The Agency may withhold payment to the Grantee on this grant award until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the Agency from the Grantee is agreed upon or otherwise determined by the Agency.
- 17.5 This grant award is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to the Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of federal or state funds.

## **SECTION 18 - Certifications**

The Grantee certifies compliance with the federal, state, and Agency requirements set forth in Certifications (Attachment C) of this grant award.

Attachment A

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND

#### ANGELINA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM WITH CHILD CARE FUNDING

#### **STATEMENT OF WORK – PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **SECTION 1 – Project Abstract**

The Skills for Small Business Program with Child Care Funding (SSBCC) will provide training for small private businesses in the local area. Each participating business partner will select training courses for its new and/or existing employees that will contribute to the enhancement of the business' operations. The program will cover tuition and fee costs for course offerings provided by Angelina College Name up to \$1,800 in a 12-month period for a new employee and up to \$900 in a 12-month period for an existing employee. The approved business partners, job titles for training, and courses for this project will be specified in Attachment A-1 of this grant award by written amendment in accordance with Section 5.3 of this Attachment A.

For activities and services funded with CCDBG funding, the SSBCC program allows child care programs to request training for their employees to support improvement of overall program operations and ensure compliance with ongoing training requirements for programs licensed or registered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to provide child care services in Texas.

#### **SECTION 2 – Applicable Grant Authorities**

- 2.1 The Agency funds this grant award under the authority of the General Appropriations Act, Texas Labor Code, Chapter 303, and 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 803.
- 2.2 For activities and services funded with CCDBG funding, the Agency funds this grant award under the additional authority of Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 9858 et seq.; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 116-260), which includes Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA); American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, (Pub.L. 117-2); Federal regulations for Child Care and Development Fund at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 98 and 99; the administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements contained herein, and the Department of Health and Human Services regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 300 and 45 C.F.R. Part 75; 40 TAC, Chapter 809.

2.3 The Grantee assures and certifies that it possesses the legal authority to receive this grant award and the funds authorized by this grant award and to perform the required services under this grant award.

#### SECTION 3 – Allowable Services/Activities

3.1 Allowable services and activities under this grant award are those permitted in Texas Labor Code, Chapter 303 and the Skills Development Fund rules at 40 TAC, Chapter 803.

3.2 For services and activities under this grant funded with CCDBG funding, allowable services and activities are those permitted in CRRSA, CCDBG, and ARPA.

3.3 The Grantee shall specifically perform the activities specified in all Attachment A-1, Grant Training Objectives and Outcomes Information updates and amendments issued for this grant award.

#### **SECTION 4 – Eligibility**

Participants must be employees of the contracted private business partner(s). For activities and services funded with CCDBG funding, participants must be employees of a private childcare provider with less than one hundred (100) employees.

#### SECTION 5 – Award Specific Requirements and Performance

- 5.1 The Grantee is responsible for all performance under this grant award.
- 5.2 The Grantee shall serve as Fiscal Agent and is responsible for the delivery of the services specified in the approved Grant Training Objectives and Outcomes Information as set forth in Attachment A-1 of this grant award, and any terms and conditions imposed and required by this grant award.
- 5.3 In consideration of the grant award, the Grantee and the Agency agree that the Agency will periodically issue updates to Attachment A-1, Grant Training Objectives and Outcomes Information, to add specific requirements and performance to the allowable services and activities of this project to be incorporated into this grant award. Such periodic Attachment A-1 updates shall be compiled in quarterly mutual written grant award amendments.

#### **SECTION 6 – Reporting Requirements**

6.1 The Grantee shall submit monthly an electronic version of the Trainee Information Form (TIF), including any of its subsequent revisions, uploaded into the Learner Outcome Tracking System (LOTS) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month being reported. See Attachment A-2 of this grant award for a sample of the TIF. The designated Agency Contract Manager will provide the TIF to the Grantee electronically, under separate Agency correspondence. The Grantee shall conform to the reporting instructions and shall submit the completed TIF electronically to the designated Agency Contract Manager, as required in this section.

In addition, the Grantee shall conform to the instructions set forth in Workforce Development (WD) Letters 13-08 and 02-18 and any subsequent revisions to ensure the security and confidentiality of project participants' personal identity data.

- 6.2 The Grantee shall provide additional information as may be required by the Agency.
- 6.3 The specified reports shall be submitted to:

Marnie Otte, Contract Manager Texas Workforce Commission 101 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 424-T Austin, Texas 78778-0001 Phone: (737) 471-0928 Email: marnie.otte@twc.texas.gov

- 6.4 The Grantee shall provide the designated Agency Contract Manager with a Closeout Report, no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration of the grant award. The Closeout Report shall include:
  - 6.4.1 a copy of any audits performed on the Skills for Small Business grant; and
  - 6.4.2 a completed electronic version of the final TIF.

Attachment A-1

#### SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM WITH CHILD CARE FUNDING

#### ANGELINA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT GRANT TRAINING OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES INFORMATION

Business Partner	Job Title	SOC Code	Hourly Wage	New Employee	Existing Employee	Training Provider	Approved Course Title and Section	CIP Code	Total Training Hours	Course Begin Date	Course End Date	Total Tuition and Fee Cost	and Fee Cost Funded	and Fee Cost Funded by CCDBG
						Angelina County Junior College District								
						<b>Total Tuition</b>	and Fee Cost F	unded by	the Skills	for Small I	Business <b>F</b>	Program	\$0.00	\$0.00

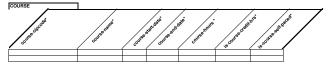
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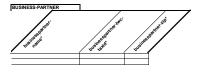
Member of the Texas Workforce Network

Individuals may receive, review, and correct information that TWC collects about the individual by emailing to: open.records@twc.state.tx.us or writing to TWC Open Records Section, 101 East 15th Street, Room 266, Austin, Texas 78778-0001

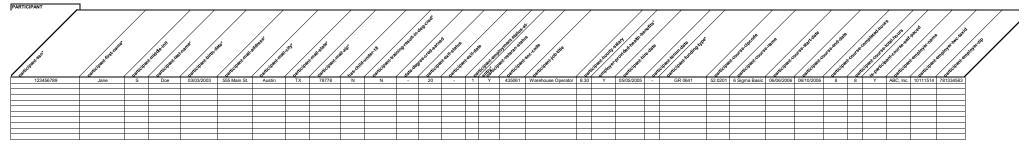












Attachment B

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND

#### ANGELINA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

#### SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM WITH CHILDCARE FUNDING

#### STATEMENT OF WORK – FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

#### **SECTION 1 – Expenditure Limitations**

- 1.1 The Agency is liable to the Grantee in an amount equal to, but not in excess of, the lesser of the amount of the grant or the actual allowable costs incurred by the Grantee in rendering the performance specified in the Statements of Work and any attachments subject to the following provisions:
  - 1.1.1 The limitations established within the project budget document (Attachment B-1).
  - 1.1.2 The limitations on Total Tuition and Fee Costs Funded by the SSB Program established within the Grant Training Objectives and Outcomes Information (Attachment A-1).
  - 1.1.3 The Agency receives a verified statement, prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Agency of current and/or projected expenditures incurred under this grant according to the instructions specified in the Agency's FMGC and additional Agency issuances.
  - 1.1.4 The Agency shall not be liable for expenditures made in violation of the legal authorities cited in this grant, or any other law or regulation applicable to a specific service performed under this grant.

- 1.1.5 The Agency shall not be liable to the Grantee for costs incurred or performances rendered by the Grantee or its subcontractors before commencement of this grant or after termination of this grant, other than allowable administrative costs or the costs associated with the preparation of final closeout documents, unless approved in writing by an authorized representative of the Agency.
- 1.1.6 The Agency shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Grantee in the performance of this grant which have not been billed to the Agency within thirty (30) days following termination or expiration of this grant.
- 1.2 The Grantee agrees that all funds provided through this grant, including any funds expended under subcontracts, shall be expended for authorized activities, and that no expenditures will have as their objective the funding of sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.

This provision shall not be interpreted to prohibit the Grantee from subcontracting for goods or services with any religious institution or entity.

- 1.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this grant, the parties hereto understand and agree that the Agency's obligations for costs incurred or performances rendered by the Grantee under this grant are contingent upon receipt of adequate funds from federal and state sources to meet the Agency's liabilities hereunder. This grant is subject to revision upon actual receipt of funds from federal or state sources.
- 1.4 The Grantee understands and agrees that it shall repay to the Agency any funds determined to be expended in violation of the terms and conditions of this grant subject to the following:
  - 1.4.1 The Grantee shall be liable for such funds and shall repay such funds even if a Grantee's subcontractor made the improper expenditure.

- 1.4.2 All repayments made by the Grantee must be from non-federal funds and nonstate funds.
- 1.4.3 Failure to repay such funds within thirty (30) days after demand may result in legal actions to recover such funds and/or additional costs, including allowable interest.
- 1.5 Responsibility for disallowed costs and other liabilities under this grant are as follows:
  - 1.5.1 First Priority: The Grantee shall recover funds from the service provider(s) incurring the liability and utilize such funds to retire the liability to the Agency.
  - 1.5.2 Second Priority: The Grantee shall recover funds from an insurance carrier or bond issuer and utilize such funds to retire the liability to the Agency.
  - 1.5.3 Third Priority: The Grantee shall use available stand-in costs to resolve the disallowed costs or other liability to the Agency.
- 1.6 Any change in the amount of a budget line item requires the prior written approval and the subsequent change to the line item amount in the Cash Draw and Expenditure Reporting (CDER) system by the designated Agency Contract Manager.
- 1.7 Final reconciliation of funding under this grant will be contingent upon the Agency's assessment of the Grantee's compliance with the provisions of Attachment A and all updates and amendments in Attachment A-1 of this grant.

## SECTION 2 – Obligation and Deobligation of Funds

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15 of the GTC, the following provisions apply to the obligation and deobligation of funds under this grant:

2.1 The Agency shall not be liable to the Grantee for any excess or erroneous funding obligations, and retains the right to unilaterally deobligate such funds.

- 2.2 The Agency, at its sole discretion, may at any time increase or decrease the total amount of funding under this grant in order to effectuate the purposes of the program.
- 2.3 The Agency shall provide written notification to the Grantee in the form of either a letter of notification or a grant amendment in the case of an additional obligation or deobligation of funds at least ten (10) business days in advance of the revision taking effect.
- 2.4 The Agency may deobligate awarded grant funds after notification to the Grantee and upon determination by the Agency that funds will not be spent in accordance with the terms of this grant.

## SECTION 3 – Financial Reporting

3.1 The Grantee shall electronically submit an accurate monthly financial report, including accrued expenditures and obligations, no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month through the Agency's on-line CDER system. To the extent applicable, the Grantee will comply with the instructions specified in 40 TAC §§ 800.52 and 800.72, the Agency's FMGC, WD Letter 04-15, Change 2, and subsequent Agency issuances.

If the Grantee does not meet established reporting deadlines, late notifications will be issued and access to funds may be disabled as follows:

*Days Past Due	Grantee Notification	Copy to Commission
1-day past due	Online Preparer and Certifier	Financial Systems & Reporting Unit
2-days past due	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer
3-4 days past due	Grantee's Top Official	Chief Financial Officer
5 days past due	Cash Draw	Access Turned Off

- \* E-mail notifications will be sent to the individual that corresponds to the number of days that a report is past due as well as the individuals that received the notice on the prior day.
- 3.2 The Grantee shall electronically submit the contract closeout package through the closeout module of the on-line CDER system no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the 30<sup>th</sup> day from the grant end date. The Grantee shall submit the contract closeout package according to the instructions specified in 40 TAC §§ 800.52 and 800.72, the Agency's FMGC, WD Letters 44-05 and 04-15, Change 2, and subsequent Agency issuances.

#### Attachment B-1

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND

#### ANGELINA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

#### SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM WITH CHILDCARE FUNDS

#### BUDGET : SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS FUNDS

PROGRAM SERVICES	EDUCATION AND TRAINING							TOTAL COSTS PER LINE ITEM
Personnel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00							\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00							\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00							\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00							\$0.00
Other	\$20,000.00							\$20,000.00
TOTAL COSTS PER BUDGET CATEGORY	\$20,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
							otal Program	\$20,000.00
ADMINISTRATION/OPERATING COSTS							iministration	\$1,000.00
							<b>Total Grant</b>	\$21,000.00

#### BUDGET : CHILDCARE FUNDS

PROGRAM SERVICES	EDUCATION AND TRAINING							TOTAL COSTS PER LINE ITEM
Personnel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00							\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00							\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00							\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00							\$0.00
Federal Childcare funds	\$15,000.00							\$15,000.00
TOTAL COSTS PER BUDGET CATEGORY	\$15,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Т	otal Program	\$15,000.00					
ADMINISTRATION/OPERATING COSTS	ADMINISTRATION/OPERATING COSTS							\$750.00
								\$15,750.00

#### COMBINED BUDGET

PROGRAM SERVICES	EDUCATION AND TRAINING							TOTAL COSTS PER LINE ITEM
Personnel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00							\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00							\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00							\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00							\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00							\$0.00
Federal Childcare funds	\$15,000.00							\$15,000.00
Other (Skills for Small Business)	\$20,000.00							\$20,000.00
TOTAL COSTS PER BUDGET CATEGORY	\$35,000.00	-	-	- [	-	-	-	\$35,000.00
							otal Program	\$35,000.00
ADMINISTRATION/OPERATING COSTS						Total Administration		\$1,750.00
							<b>Total Grant</b>	\$36,750.00

Attachment C

#### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND**

#### ANGELINA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

#### SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM WITH CHILDCARE FUNDING

#### CERTIFICATIONS

#### **SECTION 1** - Texas Corporate Franchise Taxes

Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 171, Subchapter F, for-profit corporations that are delinquent in making state franchise tax payments shall forfeit their corporate privileges and the right to transact business in this state. The Grantee certifies that if the Grantee's business entity is a for-profit corporation it is not delinquent in its franchise tax payments to the State of Texas.

#### SECTION 2 - Levies, Liens, and Unresolved Audit Exceptions

The Grantee certifies that the business entity in this grant award has no outstanding debts that will result in liens or levies being placed on payments received from the Agency and that it owes no funds to the Agency, including unresolved audit exceptions. An unresolved audit exception is an exception for which the business entity has exhausted all administrative and judicial remedies and also refuses to comply with resulting written demands for payment from the Agency.

#### **SECTION 3 - State Assessment Certification**

The Grantee certifies by executing this grant award, that both of the following statements are true and correct and that the Grantee understands making a false statement is a material breach of contract and is grounds for cancellation of this grant award:

3.1. The Grantee is current in Unemployment Insurance taxes, Payday and Child Labor law
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monetary obligations, and Proprietary School fees and assessments payable to the State of Texas.

3.2. The Grantee has no outstanding Unemployment Insurance overpayment balance payable to the State of Texas.

#### **SECTION 4** - Prohibited Bids and Contracts

- 4.1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2155.004, a state agency may not accept a bid or award a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who received compensation from the agency to participate in preparing the specifications or request for proposals on which the bid or contract is based. Under Texas Government Code § 2155.004, the Grantee certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 4.2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 2155.006 and 2261.053, a state agency may not accept a bid or award a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, during the five-year period preceding the date of the bid or award, has been either, convicted of violating federal law or assessed a penalty in a federal civil or administrative enforcement action, in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005 or in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts.

Under Texas Government Code §§ 2155.006 and 2261.053, the Grantee certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

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#### **SECTION 5 - Unfair Business Practices**

The Grantee certifies that the business entity in this grant award has not been found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding during the preceding year. The Grantee further affirms that no officer of the business entity in this grant award has served as an officer of any company found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding during the preceding year.

#### **SECTION 6 - Texas Family Code**

The Grantee certifies that the business entity in this grant award is not ineligible, pursuant to Texas Family Code § 231.006, to receive the award funds and acknowledges that this grant award may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. If a Board member, corporate officer, individual, or controlling officer of the Grantee's fiscal agent, (as applicable) is more than thirty (30) days in arrears in the payment of an obligation to pay child support, the Grantee acknowledges that payments under the grant award may be suspended and/or the contract canceled.

#### SECTION 7 - Restrictions on the Use of Certain Public Subsidies

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2264.051, the Grantee certifies that the business, or a branch, division, or department of the business does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker as defined in Texas Government Code § 2264.001(4). The Grantee further certifies that it shall establish and implement reasonable internal program management procedures sufficient to ensure its compliance with Texas Government Code § 2264.051. The Grantee will enter into a written agreement with its subrecipient sub-contractors, working on or having an interest in the programs provided by this grant award, regarding the unlawful employment of undocumented workers and advising the subrecipient sub-contractors of the penalties that the sub-contractors will incur if convicted of the unlawful employment of undocumented workers.

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Texas Government Code § 2264.052 mandates that a business convicted of a violation under 8 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 1324a(f) (unlawful employment of undocumented workers), shall repay the amount of the public subsidy with interest not later than the 120th day after the entity is notified of the violation. In accordance with Texas Government Code § 2264.053, the Agency has determined that if the Grantee is convicted of such a violation, the interest rate to be applied to the public subsidy is fifteen percent (15%). The Grantee can establish its own repayment interest rate when establishing an interest rate with any of its subrecipient subcontractors, but in no event shall such interest rate be less than the fifteen percent (15%) interest rate established by the Agency.

The Grantee's authorized representative understands and certifies that the following statements are true and correct:

- 7.1. that making a false statement is a material breach of contract and grounds for contract cancellation; and
- 7.2. that after receiving a public subsidy, if the Grantee or its subrecipient's subcontractor is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), relating to the unlawful employment of undocumented workers, the Grantee shall repay to the Agency the amount of the public subsidy with interest, at the rate of fifteen percent (15%).

## SECTION 8 – Certification Concerning Dealings with Public Servants

The Grantee represents and warrants that it has not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this grant.

## **SECTION 9 – Conflicts of Interest**

The Grantee represents and warrants that the Grantee has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing services to the State of Texas under this grant and Grantee's provision of

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services under this grant would not reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. The Grantee must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest it may have in contracting with the Agency.

#### **SECTION 10 – Antitrust Affirmation**

The Grantee affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that (1) in connection with this Response and any resulting grant award, neither I nor any representative of the Grantee has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15; (2) in connection with this grant award, neither I nor any representative of the Grantee have violated any federal antitrust law; and (3) neither I nor any representative of the Grantee have directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of the Proposal to a competitor of the Grantee or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Grantee.

#### SECTION 11 – Compliance with Texas Government Code § 669.003

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, the Grantee certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of the Agency, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of the contract was the executive head of the Agency, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of the Agency.The Grantee acknowledges that the grant may be terminated at any time, and payments withheld, if this information is false.

# SECTION 12 – Certification Concerning Restricted Employment for Former State Officers or Employees Under Texas Government Code § 572.069

The Grantee certifies that it has not employed and will not employ a former TWC or state officer who participated in a procurement or contract negotiation for TWC involving Grantee within two years after the state officer or employee left state agency employment or service.

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This certification only applies to former state officers or employees whose state service or employment ceased on or after September 1, 2015.

#### SECTION 13 – Prohibition on use of Appropriated Funds for Lobbying or Political Activities

The Grantee represents and warrants that the Agency's payments to Grantee and Grantee's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the Agreement are not prohibited by Sections 556.0055 or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code.

#### SECTION 14 – Buy Texas

The Grantee agrees to comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.

#### SECTION 15 – COVID-19 Vaccine Passports

Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section161.0085(c), the Grantee certifies that it does not require its customers to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from the Grantee's business. The Grantee acknowledges that such a vaccine or recovery requirement would make the Grantee ineligible for a state-funded contract.

#### SECTION 16 – Cybersecurity Training

The Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.

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#### SECTION 17 – Disaster Recovery Plan

A Grantee in possession of vital state records, as defined in Government Code Section 441.180(13), agrees that upon request of TWC, the Grantee shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

#### **SECTION 18 – Excluded Parties**

The Grantee certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, *"Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism,"* published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

## SECTION 19 – Foreign Terrorist Organizations

The Grantee represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

#### **SECTION 20 – Human Trafficking Prohibition**

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, the Grantee certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified grant award and acknowledges that this grant may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

**SECTION 21** – The Grantee certifies that it has not received a final judicial determination finding it intentionally adopted or enforced a policy that prohibited or discouraged the enforcement of a public camping ban in an action brought by the Attorney General under Local Government Code Section 364.003. If the Grantee is currently being sued under the provisions of Local Government Code Section 364.003, or is sued under this section at any point during the duration of this grant,

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the Grantee must immediately disclose the lawsuit and its current posture to the Agency.

#### **SECTION 22 - Lobbying**

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing the Program Fraud and Civil Remedies Act 31 U.S.C. § 1352, for the Department of Agriculture (2 C.F.R. Part 418), Department of Labor (29 C.F.R. Part 93), Department of Education (34 C.F.R. Part 82), and the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 93). The Grantee certifies by executing this grant award, that the following statements are true and correct:

- 22.1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Grantee, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 22.2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Grantee shall complete and submit Standard Form -LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- 22.3 The Grantee shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this

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transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

## SECTION 23 - Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing Executive Order 12549, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (2 C.F.R. Part 417), Department of Labor (2 C.F.R. Part 2998), Department of Education (2 C.F.R. Part 3485), and the Department of Health and Human Services (2 C.F.R Part 376). The Grantee certifies by executing this grant award, that the following statements are true and correct:

- 23.1 Grantee is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- 23.2 Grantee has not, within a three-year period preceding this grant award, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes, including those proscribing price fixing between competitors, allocation of customers between competitors, and bid rigging; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice; or commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility;
- 23.3 Grantee is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in Subsection 2.2 of this Certification; and

23.4 Grantee has not had, within a three-year period preceding this grant award, one or more

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public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

## SECTION 24 - Drug-Free Workplace

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations, implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Pub.L. 100-690, §§ 5151-5160 (41 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq., as amended); for the Department of Agriculture (2 C.F.R. Part 421), Department of Labor (29 C.F.R. Part 94), Department of Education (34 C.F.R. Part 86), and the Department of Health and Human Services (2 C.F.R. Part 382). By executing this grant award, Grantee certifies to the following:

- 24.1 Publishing a policy statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee;
- 24.2 Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- 24.3 Providing each employee with a copy of the policy statement;
- 24.4 Notifying the employees in the policy statement that as a condition of employment under this grant award, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy statement and shall notify the employer in writing within five (5) calendar days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug statute in the workplace;
- 24.5 Notifying the Agency in writing within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a notice of a conviction of an employee; and
- 24.6 Within thirty (30) calendar days of learning of an employee's conviction, take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to an including termination, consistent with

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the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794, as amended), or require such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for these purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

## SECTION 25 – Certification

These certifications are a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when entering this grant award. Signature by an authorized representative of the Grantee and return of this document to the Agency are prerequisites for finalizing the grant award.

Where the Grantee is unable to certify to any of the statements above, an explanation shall be attached.

The Grantee certifies that the indicated statements are true and correct and understands that making a false statement is a material breach of the grant award and is grounds for grant award cancellation.

#### Attachment D

#### SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

#### UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS COST REINCIDIES AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

	UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS
200.332 Requirements for Pass -T	'hrough Entities
Grantee Name:	TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
Grantee DUNS:	33278685
Contact Information:	N/A
Awarding Official:	Courtney Arbour, Director, Workforce Development Division
Address:	101 East 15th Street
	Austin, Texas 78778-0001
Phone Number:	512-463-2222
Awarding FAIN:	2101TXCDC6
Federal Award Date:	10/1/2020-9/30/2024
Total Award Amount:	\$1,703,369,713.00
Description:	CCDF Discretionary-ARPA Discretionary 2021
Awarding FAIN:	2101TXCCC5
Federal Award Date:	12/27/2020-9/30/2023
Total Award Amount:	51,135,748,591.00
Description:	CDF Discretionary-Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) 2021
Agency:	Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families
Assistance Listings Description	93.575 The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary federal funding source dedicated to providing child care assistance to low-income families. As a block grant,
(formerly CFDA Description):	CCDF gives funding to states, territories, and tribes to provide child care subsidies through grants and contracts with providers, as well as vouchers or certificates to low-income
	families. CCDF is a dual-purpose program with a two-generational impact. CCDF provides access to child care services for low-income families so they can work, attend school, or
	enroll in training to improve the well-being of their families. At the same time, it also promotes the healthy development and school success of our nation's low- and moderate-
	income children by providing them with higher-quality early learning and afterschool experiences. The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) is the discretionary
	portion of the CCDF program. CCDBG was created under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and is subject to annual appropriations. In 2014, Congress acted on a
	bipartisan basis to pass the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-186) into law and reauthorizes the CCDF program for the first time since 1996. The
	CCDBG Act of 2014 renews authority for the CCDF program through FY 2020 and represents an historic re-envisioning of the CCDF program. The new law makes significant
	advancements by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers, outlining family-friendly eligibility policies, and ensuring parents and the general public have
	transparent information about the child care choices available to them. The Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds (see CFDA 93.596) is the entitlement portion of the CCDF
	program, which consists of "matching funds," that require a state match and maintenance of effort, and "mandatory funds." Entitlement funds are made available under section
	418 of the Social Security Act. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) consolidated funding for child care under
	section 418 of the Social Security Act and made such funding subject to the requirements of the CCDBG Act, as amended. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
	(HHS) designated the combined entitlement and discretionary funding as the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program. Further, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
	Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (P. L. 116-136) was enacted March 27, 2020 and appropriated an additional \$3.5 billion in supplemental CCDF Discretionary funds to prevent,
	prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Additional Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Funds were Appropriated in the
	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act (Public Law 116-260), signed into law on December 27, 2020. The law expands flexibility to provide
	child care assistance to families and children, supports child care providers, and provides lead agencies with additional funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
	Supplemental Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Funds Appropriated in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) signed into law
	March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides resources to states to implement the CCDF program and leverage these resources to build a better child care system and help more
	families afford child care over the next three years. (Continued on next row.)
Assistance Listings Description	The new purposes of the CCDF program are to: 1) allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and
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(	parents which are states (a) promote parental endection information to help parents make informed choices about child care services and to promote involvement by parents
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and family members in the development of their children in child care settings; (4) assist States in delivering high-quality, coordinated early childhood care and education services to maximize parents' options and support parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; (5) assist States in improving the overall quality of child care services and programs by implementing the health, safety, licensing, training, and oversight standards established in this subchapter and in State law (including State regulations); (6) improve child care and development of participating children; and (7) increase the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings.

#### SUMMARY OF TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSON FINANCIAL AWARD TO GRANTEE

Note: This grant award includes funding from separate federal awards identified as "CRRSA" and "ARPA Discretionary" provide funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act and the American Rescue Plan Act funds identified as COVID-19 funds.

Table: Availability of Funds			
	CCDF Discretionary	State Funds	
Availability	(COVID-19 Funds)		
Budget Period	09/01/22-08/31/23	09/01/22-08/31/23	
Period of Performance	09/01/22-08/31/23	09/01/22-08/31/23	
*Except as noted above, "Bud	get Period" and "Period of Performance" ha	we the meanings defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.	1.
Table: Funding Detail (Includi	ng Assistance Listings Numbers)	93.575	xx.xxx
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			CCDF Discretionary			
			(COVID-19 Funds)	State Funds		
			(Assistance Listings Number:	(Assistance Listings Number:		
Award Number		Grantee	93.575)	XX.XXX)	Total Award	Indirect Rate
1	723SSD001	Angelina College	\$15,750	\$21,000	\$36,750	
		Total by Assistance Listings Number (ALN):	\$15,750	\$21,000	\$36,750	
Research and Develo	pment Awar	d: N				

earch and Development Award: N