JET Advisory Board Recommendation - FY 2024 JET Grant Awards

Discussion Paper

Background

The FY 2024 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) request for applications (RFA) was issued on March 29, 2024, for grant awards to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, open enrollment charter schools and school districts. The Texas Workforce Commission was allocated approximately $15 million for FY 2024 for use by the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program.

One hundred ninety-three (193) total applications were received: 36 Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) applications and 157 applications from Open-Enrollment Charter Schools and School Districts.

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

On June 20, 2024, the JET Advisory Board made the following recommendation to the Commission regarding the FY 2024 JET awards:

> To recommend the Commission direct staff to move forward with awarding grants, based on the final evaluation score, with ability to move down the list (55 points and above) should additional funds become available during the contracting phase.

Decision Point

Staff seeks direction regarding JET awards for FY 2024, as recommended by the JET Advisory Board.