

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING 60x30TX – A TEXAS-BOLD PLAN FOR A TEXAS-BOLD FUTURE



Texas Emergency Aid Mini-Grant Program

In partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Texas Higher Education Foundation is offering the Texas Emergency Aid Mini-Grant Program.

Proposal Deadline: December 10, 2018

Please PDF your proposal and submit it via email to the Texas Higher Education Foundation at ExecDirector@TXHigherEdFoundation.org

BACKGROUND: In Texas, as many as 50% of community college students and 40% of university students do not complete their degrees within the expected timeframe. Even when students have a plan for paying their tuition, fees, books, and other expenses, unexpected – and often emergency – situations arise that can derail their plans and budgets. More and more colleges are developing aid programs to help students with these expenses. Emergency Aid programs provide critical support that keeps students on the path to degree completion and helps Texas achieve the bold goals of 60x30TX.

STRATEGY: There are many types of emergency aid programs, including emergency loans restricted and unrestricted grants, completion scholarships, campus vouchers, and food pantries. While aid programs vary across colleges and universities, programs with strong program administration and communication elements usually serve students best.

These mini-grants are intended to support colleges and universities that are developing or enhancing emergency aid programs at their institutions. It is our hope that through these mini-grants, campuses will develop solid foundations for emergency aid programs and/or strategies that have potential for future growth. Submissions should propose innovative solutions to developing, offering, and/or managing emergency aid. Proposals should reflect expenditures necessary to pilot concepts or prototypes related to the development and implementation of emergency aid programs or strategies. Examples include but are not limited to technology (e.g., mobile platforms and software), personnel, and equipment.

Eligibility:

- Texas postsecondary institutions

Size and Duration of Mini-Grants:

- Proposals should reflect a period from 6-12 months in duration, with a budget of \$1,000 - \$10,000

In Three Pages, Please Respond to the Following:

1. Requesting entity name and point of contact
2. Describe strategies your institution is currently using to provide 'emergency aid' to students
3. Explain your proposed program and expected outcomes
4. Explain how you intend to evaluate success
5. Describe proposed use of funds and identify how funding would support outcomes