

DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) is the recipient of **\$450,000** in grant funds to be awarded as part of its Defense Economic Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program. The TMPC is seeking applications from eligible applicants to retrain defense workers in areas affected by the action of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to close, reduce, increase, or otherwise realign defense worker jobs or facilities.

Eligible Applicants:

The following applicants are eligible to receive an award of DEAAG Program funds:

1. A public junior college district that is wholly or partly located in a defense community in Texas; or
2. A campus or education extension center of the Texas State Technical College System that is located in a defense community.

To be eligible to receive an award of DEAAG Program funds, the TMPC must determine that an eligible applicant may be adversely or positively affected by an anticipated, planned, announced, or implemented action of the DoD to close, reduce, increase, or otherwise realign defense worker jobs or facilities.

Use of DEAAG Program Funds:

DEAAG Program funds must be use for:

1. The retraining of defense workers whose jobs have been threatened or lost because of an anticipated, planned, announced, or implemented action of the DoD to close, reduce, increase, or otherwise realign defense worker jobs or facilities; or
2. The purchase or lease of equipment to retrain defense workers whose jobs have been threatened or lost because of an anticipated, planned, announced, or implemented action of the DoD to close, reduce, increase, or otherwise realign defense worker jobs or facilities.

The term “defense workers,” as used in this Request for Application and the DEAAG Program, means:

- a. Employees of the DoD, including members of the armed forces and government civilian workers;
- b. Employees of a government agency or private business, or entity providing a DoD related function, who are employed at a defense facility;
- c. Employees of a business that directly provides services or products to the DoD and whose jobs are directly dependent on defense expenditures; or
- d. Employees or private contractors employed by the US Department of Energy (DOE) working on a defense or DOE facility in support of a DoD related project.

Requirements:

1. DEAGG Program Funds may not be expended after **August 31, 2015**.
2. Equipment leases may not extend beyond **August 31, 2015**.
3. Grant recipients will be required to provide adequate documentation that grant funds are used for the purposes set forth above.
4. Grant awards are subject to all relevant state and federal requirements concerning the use of the funds, including, but not limited to, Sections 436.201 – 436.207 of the Texas Government Code (formerly found in Chapter 486 of the Texas Government Code).

Other Considerations:

When scoring applications for DEAGG Program funds, the following will also be considered:

1. Area Impact - the impact of the DoD base realignment on the community as measured by the applicant's employment/unemployment information, considering community population and statewide unemployment figures;
2. Target Population - the applicant's projected enrollment of targeted students in classes where DEAGG Program funds are to be used, with consideration given to the likelihood of achieving the projection as demonstrated by community demographics and applicant's recruitment strategy; and
3. Project Funding Sources - the applicant's efforts to secure additional state or federal funding sources or efforts to secure financial partners, such as a local defense contractor, favoring schools that have acquired additional financial backing or secured a local partnership to support the class/project.

Award Amount:

The minimum award per grant recipient is **\$50,000**. The maximum award per grant recipient is **\$450,000**. A maximum of **\$450,000** will be awarded for this posting.

Applications:

Applications are available on the Office of the Governor's website at:

<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/military>. Applications must be submitted to the TMPC by email only at the following address: tmpe@governor.state.tx.us.

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications:

All applications must be received by the TMPC (by email only) on or before **5:00 p.m. CST on November 24, 2014**.

Funding Decisions:

All funding decisions made by the TMPC are final and are not subject to appeal. The receipt of an application by the TMPC does not obligate the TMPC to fund the grant or to fund it at

the amount requested. Neither the approval of a project nor any grant award shall obligate the TMPC in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award.

Questions:

Please contact the TMPC at tmpc@governor.state.tx.us with any questions concerning this application.