

# Texas Talent Connection Grant Program

## *Application Information*

**Applicants.** The Texas Talent Connection grants, funded through Wagner-Peyser 7(b) funds, are administered through partnerships that provide workforce training and job placement services. Eligible partnerships may include various combinations of local workforce boards, employers or employer organizations, institutions of higher education, faith-based organizations, local school districts, and not-for-profit community-based organizations.

**Grant Period.** The contract period for the grants is for 12 months from the effective start date of the grant. The start date is September 1 with an ending date of August 31. No grant may have a retroactive effective date, and costs incurred prior to the effective start date will not be reimbursed.

**Application Factors.** Applicants are responsible for determining their own eligibility. Key parameters associated with eligibility for this funding program include the following:

- Applicants may apply for funding for one year only. Applicants requesting more than 12-months will not be considered.
- Successful applicants may be eligible for additional annual awards for up to three years—maximum—consecutive or otherwise, for essentially similar grant activities that demonstrate successful outcomes.
- Applicants must reapply each year for additional funding consideration. There is no guarantee of an award in any year.
- Grants are generally limited to no more than \$350,000 for any year.
- If a project has received three years of funding for similar grant activities and outcomes, the project is no longer eligible for funding.
- Applications may not be considered that duplicate existing workforce services or programs.
- Submission of applications must include a signature form indicating review with comments by the local workforce development board(s) representing the area(s) of service for the activities proposed in this application.
- All applications are subject to the general terms and conditions of this funding program, if awarded. Submission of an application confirms agreement with the terms, which are provided in the grant application.
- For any application that is to continue a project for a second or third year of grant funding, successful performance on the intended outcomes of the previous contract(s) will be taken into consideration.
- Additional guidance is provided in the application packet. Applicants must meet the requirements in the application provided for the current funding period. Previous year application forms will not be considered.

All applications must be received in full with all of the required elements and attachments no later than the close of business on the deadline set for each funding period. The application must include submission of a digital copy in the application's original PDF fillable form. In addition to the application, all signature forms must be electronically signed, saved as separate files and added as an attachment to the email when the application is electronically submitted. Paper copies will no longer be accepted. Applicants must use the original PDF fillable application form provided on the program's webpage in order for the application be considered. Do not lock or change the format of the fillable application form or save as a different PDF document. If you do so, your application will be ineligible for consideration. Applications that are missing any of the elements or attachments in any of the required formats will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for a grant award under the current funding period.