



GREATER TEXAS FOUNDATION

## Charitable Activities Committee 2019 Annual Report (Amended 2/7/20)

### Total Grants Approved in 2019 by Funding Bucket

Funding Bucket	Number of Grants	Funding Amount	Percentage
HS-PSE Transition	8	\$3,279,571	66%
Rural	4	\$80,851.09	1.6%
Math	2	\$1,237,827.33	25%
Transfer	1	\$21,966	.4%
Fellows	0	\$0	0%
Scholarships	12	\$92,975	2%
Other (includes Memberships)	5	\$241,042	5%
<b>2019 TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$4,954,232.42</b>	<b>100%</b>

*NOTE: For comparison, 2018 Totals: 49 grants for a total of \$9,649,498 in funding.*

### Total Grant Distribution in 2019 by Funding Bucket

Funding Bucket	Amount Paid	Percentage
HS-PSE Transition	\$3,980,000	42%
Rural	\$1,314,851.09	14%
Math	\$1,231,290.57	13%
Transfer	\$492,052	5%
Fellows	\$149,204	2%
Scholarships *	\$1,647,347	17%
Other (includes Memberships)	\$646,042	7%
<b>2019 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,460,786.66</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Most scholarship payments were for GTF Scholars.

*NOTE: For comparison, 2018 Total: \$10,244,248*

### Total Declinations in 2019

<b>Request Type</b>	<b>Organization/Project Title</b>	<b>Request Amount</b>
Concept Paper	Texas A&M Foundation: <i>Student Voices for Institutional Improvement</i>	\$524,222
Concept Paper	University of Houston: Evaluation: <i>UH's Summer Scholars Academy for Underrepresented Groups in STEM</i>	\$45,101
Concept Paper	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: <i>South Texas Area Rural Collaborative for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (STARC)-Math</i>	\$197,156
Concept Paper	Regents of the University of Michigan: <i>Increasing Student Veteran Success in Texas through Peer Support</i>	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,016,479</b>

### 2019 Chair's Fund Grants

<b>Organization/Project Title</b>	<b>Purpose Statement</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Waco Foundation: <i>Texas Rural Funders Collaborative Support III</i>	To provide partial funding for TRFC to support the Tribune's coverage of issues affecting rural Texas and statewide engagement activities.	\$10,000
National College Access Network, Inc: <i>NCAN 2019 Conference Support</i>	To support a rural learning track at NCAN's 2019 National Conference.	\$10,000
UT-Austin: <i>2019 Texas Male Student Leadership Summit</i>	To support the 6th Annual Texas Male Student Leadership Summit convened by the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color.	\$5,000
Excelencia in Education, Inc: <i>Alignment Institute - Texas</i>	To support the Seal of Excelencia regional institute targeting institutions in Texas on Dec. 11, 2019 at San Antonio College. The agenda is focused on sharing and learning on the data and practices that are useful in intentionally SERVING Latino students.	\$7,500
Education Service Center Region XIII: <i>Texas Rural Schools Spring Conference 2020</i>	Texas rural educators will come together in Georgetown, Texas to share best practices in instruction and administration, have opportunities to collaborate, examine important changes in education law, discuss educational equity and access, and share teacher recruitment and retention practices.	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$37,500</b>

**Total Active Grants in 2019**

In addition to grants approved in 2019, the foundation maintains a portfolio of “active” grants that were approved prior to 2019 but remain open. GTF staff continues oversight of these grants through reporting, monitoring, active correspondence, etc. The following chart contains an overview of the foundation’s Active Grants portfolio as of December 31, 2019.

<b>Type of Grant</b>	<b>Number of Grants</b>	<b>Total Amount of Funding</b>
General Grants	62	\$36,307,596.93
Endowments	116	\$5,949,420
<b>2019 TOTALS</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>\$42,257,016.93</b>

*NOTE: For comparison, 2018 Totals: 180 grants at a total amount of \$42,693,263*

**GTF Approved Grantmaking since FY2001**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
2001	\$200,000	2011	\$6,202,077
2002	\$160,000	2012	\$1,329,623
2003	\$1,396,800	2013	\$4,097,559
2004	\$864,594	2014	\$3,934,329
2005	\$829,824	2015	\$4,190,480
2006	\$2,158,045	2016	\$5,683,125
2007	\$4,050,780	2017	\$22,432,787
2008	\$11,256,561	2018	\$9,649,498
2009	\$4,808,317	2019	\$4,954,232
2010	\$3,795,658		
<b>TOTAL: \$91,994,289</b>			

**Grants Approved in 2019**

<b>High School – Post-Secondary Transition</b>
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**Transforming First-Generation Student Success in Central Texas**  
(\$300,000)

To support the launch of a new organizational strategy to create systems change: a school-based model combining direct advising to students with capacity building services to target high schools in Central Texas to improve college-going rates in the region. *(Breakthrough)*

**Increasing Latino Student Success through Collective Impact in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas** (\$1,250,000)

Continued support of RGV FOCUS which utilizes the collective impact approach to achieve its shared vision that all Rio Grande Valley learners will achieve a degree or credential that leads to a meaningful career and successful life. *(Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc./Educate Texas)*

**Texas Persistence Partnership Continuation Grant** (\$80,000)

To support a short-term extension grant of EduGuide's program to complete the academic year for existing students in the Rio Grande Valley. *(EduGuide)*

**Alignment Institute – Texas** (\$7,500)

To support Excelencia in Education's plans for a Seal of Excelencia regional institute targeting institutions in Texas on December 11, 2019 at San Antonio College. The agenda is focused on sharing and learning with institutional teams about the data and practices that are useful in intentionally serving Latino students. *(Excelencia in Education, Inc.)*

**Back on Track in Texas: Phase Two** (\$1,211,540)

To support the introduction of a second cohort of schools and programs to the Back on Track model and to provide subgrants and technical assistance/coaching to ensure that Back on Track practices are implemented with quality and fidelity. *(Jobs for the Future, Inc.)*

**TAMU Advising Corps 3.0** (\$160,000)

To support the GTF TAMU Advising Corps which places two recent A&M graduates at the two Bryan ISD high schools to serve as college advisers. *(Texas A&M University)*

**New Foundation High School Program in Texas: the Impact of Students' Endorsement Enrollment on College Choice, Major Selection, and Academic Success** (\$265,531)

To support research that will investigate the extent to which students' completion of specific endorsements impacts their high school graduation, college choice, major selection, college persistence, academic performance, and degree attainment. *(The University of Texas at Arlington)*

**2019 Texas Male Student Leadership Summit** (\$5,000)

To support the 6th Annual Texas Male Student Leadership Summit convened by the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color. *(The University of Texas at Austin)*

## Rural

### **Rural Schools Post-Secondary Academy Planning Grant** (\$55,851.09)

To support opportunities for researching best practices and aligning student, parent, and staff supports in order to create a post-secondary model at Blinn College's Schulenburg campus that includes dual credit. *(Blinn College)*

### **Texas Rural Schools Spring Conference 2020** (\$5,000)

Texas rural educators will come together in Georgetown, Texas on February 27th & 28th, 2020. Participants will share best practices in instruction and administration, have opportunities to collaborate, examine important changes in education law, discuss educational equity and access, and share teacher recruitment and retention practices. *(Education Service Center Region XIII)*

### **NCAN 2019 Conference Support** (\$10,000)

To support a rural learning track at NCAN's 2019 National Conference. *(National College Access Network, Inc.)*

### **Texas Rural Funders Collaborative Support III** (\$10,000)

To provide partial funding for the Texas Rural Funders Collaborative to support the Texas Tribune's coverage of issues affecting rural Texas and statewide engagement activities in several areas. *(Waco Foundation)*

## Math

### **Pathways of Promise 3.0: Building Systems for Equitable Acceleration and STEM Pathways** (\$37,827.33)

To support Pathways of Promise 3.0 which aims to build systems for equitable STEM and career pathways. *(E3 Alliance)*

### **Proposal to Implement UTeach at Stephen F. Austin State University** (\$1,200,000)

To support the implementation of UTeach at Stephen F. Austin State University to address the deficit in quantity, quality, and diversity of the secondary STEM teaching force across the greater East Texas region. *(The University of Texas at Austin)*

## Transfer

### **Transfer Student Leadership Summit** (\$21,966)

To support the Transfer Student Leadership Summit which convenes transfer and community college students to define the Texas transfer experience, identify obstacles at receiving institutions, and spread best practices in transfer support across the state. *(The University of Texas at Austin)*

## Scholarships

### **Charley V. Wootan Endowed Memorial Fellowship** (\$2,500)

To provide scholarships for a graduate fellowship for a student working for the Texas Transportation Institute. *(Texas A&M Foundation)*

### **John J. Koldus Quality of Student Life Endowment** (\$5,000)

To benefit students, their families, student groups/organizations, various departments within the division of Student Services and other unidentified needs which benefit the quality of student life at Texas A&M University. *(Texas A&M Foundation)*

## Other

### **#RealCollege 2019: A National Convening on College Food and Housing Insecurity** (\$50,000)

To support the nation's premier conference on addressing food and housing insecurity among college students to be held in Houston, TX in the fall of 2019. *(Temple University)*

### **Accelerating Educational Outcomes through the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence** (\$180,000)

To support the training and employment of a program manager and data analyst to reinforce and move the El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence (EPCAE) to new practices and behaviors. *(The University of Texas at El Paso)*

## Memberships

### **2019 Membership** (\$2,500)

To support the foundation's 2019 membership to Grantmakers for Education. *(Grantmakers for Education)*

### **2020 Membership** (\$7,390)

To support the foundation's 2020 membership to Grantmakers for Effective Organizations. *(Grantmakers for Effective Organizations)*

### **2020 Membership** (\$1,152)

To support the foundation's 2020 membership to PEAK Grantmaking. *(PEAK Grantmaking, Inc.)*

## **GTF Educational Matching Grant Program**

### **GTF Educational Matching Grant Program 2019** (\$85,475)

This program is meant to encourage giving by Greater Texas Foundation officers, board members, external committee members, managers, and employees to educational institutions or organizations supporting education. The foundation will match contributions up to \$5,000 on a 3:1 basis.

- *McCoy College of Business Foundation at Texas State University*
- *Howard Payne University*
- *Southwestern University*
- *Stephen F. Austin State University (2)*
- *Texas A&M Foundation (2)*
- *The Texas A&M University Commerce Foundation (2)*
- *University of North Texas at Dallas Foundation*

## **Notable Programs & Events**

The foundation enjoyed a rich and eventful 2019. While there were many highlights, the following are a few particularly notable events from the year:

### **Strategic Planning**

Greater Texas Foundation board of directors, advisors, and staff underwent a nine-month strategic planning process under the guidance of Education First. The strategic planning process included desk research, internal and external interviews, and routine check-ins with board and staff. The resulting plan is an exciting evolution and recognition of the foundation's history and previous work. It will focus on four key goals: student supports; transfer, transition, and advising; rural collaborations; and math for success. The goals will be supported by several strategies, including grantmaking, partnerships, convening, research, knowledge building, capacity building, and collective action. Affordability and innovation are strongly emphasized in the new plan.

### **Conferences and Presentations**

Greater Texas Foundation staff had the opportunity to participate in and attend multiple events in 2019. A few notable speaking and presentation engagements included: Grantmakers for Education, National College Access Network, #RealCollege Conference, and State Higher Education Executive Officers Association. In addition, staff represented GTF at multiple external events throughout the year, including (but not limited to): PEAK Grantmaking, Achieving the Dream, TAG (Technology Affinity Group), Board of Trustees Institute, Texas Tribune Festival, National Next Gen Sector Partnership Academy, Texas Education Grantmakers Advocacy Consortium, ACT, National Scholarship Providers Association, Latino Student Success Funders, Texas

Rural Funders Collaborative, Texas College Access Network, and the Texas Guided Pathways Institute.

**Rural Track at the National College Access Network (NCAN) Conference**

Greater Texas Foundation partnered with the Texas College Access Network and AgriLife at Texas A&M University to support the first rural track at the NCAN Conference. It was an important opportunity to support the foundation's rural strategy, as well as to help promote the two supporting partners.

**#RealCollege Conference**

Greater Texas Foundation was a key funder of the national #RealCollege Conference hosted at University of Houston. #RealCollege is led by the Hope Center at Temple University and focuses on housing and food insecurities as barriers to student success. As a funder for the conference, GTF was prominently featured in its programming.