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**TO:** Presidents and Chancellors  
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**FROM:** Harrison Keller, Ph.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** THECB Request for Applications: Open Education Resources (OER)  
Course Development and Implementation Grant Program

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is pleased to announce a Request for Applications (RFA) for the Open Educational Resources (OER) Course Development and Implementation Grant Program. The competitive grant program will enhance quality in online course offerings and reduce the costs of educational materials for students at Texas public and independent institutions of higher education. Matching grants will support teams of faculty engaged in the development of new OER materials for online delivery and the redesign of courses using existing OER. This grant program is supported by a portion of the \$175 million allocation to THECB from the [Governor's Emergency Educational Relief \(GEER\) Fund](#).

The RFA and application form for the grant competition are available on the THECB website, <http://www.highered.texas.gov/oerGEER>.

THECB is establishing partnerships with three higher education institutions: OpenStax at Rice University, Dallas College, and the Charles A. Dana Center at The University of Texas at Austin to provide technical assistance to OER Course Development and Implementation applicants and awardees. The technical assistance partner institutions will provide help and guidance to applicants and awardees in redesigning Texas Core Curriculum courses, co-requisite remediation for Texas Core Curriculum Courses, and/or courses from the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) course inventory.

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND ANTICIPATED AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Round 1**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Application Steps</b>
November 17, 2020	Application Submission Deadline
December 11, 2020	THECB Anticipates Announcement of Grant Awards for Round 1

## Round 2

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Application Steps</b>
December 15, 2020	Application Submission Deadline
January 26, 2021	THECB Anticipates Announcement of Grant Awards for Round 2

## Round 3

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Application Steps</b>
January 11, 2021	Application Submission Deadline
February 19, 2021	THECB Anticipates Announcement of Grant Awards for Round 3

Informational webinars with technical assistance partners will be offered for this grant program. Dates will be announced on the THECB website, [www.highered.texas.gov/oerGEER](http://www.highered.texas.gov/oerGEER).

Please refer to the RFA for information regarding grant program priorities, applicant eligibility, award amounts, and timeline. Questions about the grant competition should be emailed to the program contact, Dr. Kylah Torre, Program Director, at [OER@highered.texas.gov](mailto:OER@highered.texas.gov).