

July 31, 2023

To Type B Board:

On behalf of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, I respectfully request an additional \$25,000 for the Job Development Internship Program. With the increase in pay for the student interns to the current rate of \$14.50, we have seen an increase in the number of positions that could be filled with this funding.

In Spring 2023, \$54,449.11 was spent, funding 31 interns at 20 different businesses across Corpus Christi. Three of these interns were reported as converted to full-time positions.

Currently, for Summer 2023 we have 13 interns estimated at \$22,620. We have a projected 25 interns for Fall 2023 which will require approximately \$54,375 of funding. We have potential for more growth in the Fall if funding can be secured.

In 2022, participating businesses reported adding 14 new positions into their organizations, 3 full-time and 11 part-time. It was reported that 3 internship positions were turned into fulltime jobs, allowing the city to retain their talent this past Spring. This past year 45 different businesses across Corpus Christi hosted interns: ranging in industries from accounting, engineering & construction, healthcare, advertising and marketing, financial services, banking, education, insurance, and hospitality industry.

The additional \$25,000 would ensure we could continue to build momentum for this program and recruit new small businesses in Corpus Christi. As we currently stand we would need to stop promoting for Fall 2023 and I fear this would slow momentum and progress for 2024.

Sincerely,



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