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To Type A Board:

On behalf of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, I respectfully request continued funding of the Small Business Internship Program in the amount of \$150,000. For the past eight years, this program has made an incredible impact on the student interns and small businesses in our community. It would be a tremendous benefit to both the University and the city of Corpus Christi to continue this small, yet important program.

According to the formalized agreement, "based on the needs of the small business, interns will be placed with small businesses in Corpus Christi with the goal of providing the business with resources that make the business more effective and/or provide growth opportunities. The primary goal of the program is to provide support to small businesses in Corpus Christi". With the funding provided by the Type A Board, we have been able to achieve this goal. Companies have grown and added positions, which in turn, adds to the workforce of Corpus Christi. Additionally, internship positions have turned into fulltime jobs and the talent of the interns retained here in Corpus Christi.

As you make decisions about future funding, please consider continuing this important program. Its outcomes have contributed to the goals of the community and will continue to do so as long as funding is available.

Sincerely,

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