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## Texas Mutual awards \$4.5M in grant funding to nonprofits supporting workforce development and safety training

## Grants part of RFP initiative investing in programs supporting generational learning, workforce development

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas Mutual Insurance Company, the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, is announcing the recipients in the second round of its 2024 request for proposal initiative. The company is awarding more than \$4.5 million to nearly 70 organizations across the state to support their efforts in workforce development and safety training. These grants are part of Texas Mutual's 2024 commitment of \$8 million in grant funding to nonprofit organizations in two categories—generational learning for working families, and workforce development and safety training.

"At Texas Mutual, we're committed to safe workplaces, and we're inspired by the work of these nonprofits that share in the responsibility," said Jackie Sekiguchi, Texas Mutual community affairs manager. "We're proud to support them in strengthening the Texas workforce and hope that our investments help ensure they can continue to deliver on their initiatives."

Grant recipients were awarded for their focus on the following:

- Training the current and future skilled workforce in safe work practices, especially in industries or occupations at higher risk for workplace accidents
- Creating strong pathways for in-demand, middle-skill jobs
- Upskilling and reskilling adult learners using earn-and-learn initiatives

To be eligible for funding, organizations were required to be based in Texas, a 501(c)(3) designated organization and able to demonstrate they are actively delivering assistance and services to Texas communities in the required focus areas.

For a full list of workforce development and safety training grant recipients please visit texasmutual.com/workforce-development.

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## About Texas Mutual Insurance Company

Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company, a policyholder-owned company, is the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance. Texas Mutual provides coverage to 41% of the market, representing over 77,000 companies, many of which are small businesses. Since 1991, the company has provided a stable, competitively priced source of workers' comp insurance for Texas employers. Helping employers prevent workplace accidents is an important part of Texas Mutual's mission.