

Texas Workforce Commission
2024-25 Exceptional Item Request Summary as of
December 20, 2022

Additional Capital Budget Exceptional Item Request

Preschool Development Grant Eligibility Screener

Cost:	\$5,000,000	(Federal Funds)
System Type:	Web-Based Portal	
Customers Served:	>45,000 Annually	
Age of Existing System:	N/A	
Project Benefits:	Currently, one half of the inquiries to the Early Childhood Texas general email inbox are from parents or caregivers who would benefit from a tool that would orient them to which program(s) they are eligible to apply for to apply for, instead of researching eligibility requirements for each individual program separately. To address this need, TWC, TEA, and THSSCO will simplify application practices by creating a common eligibility screener across multiple early childhood programs with similar eligibility criteria, allowing families to more easily determine which services they could be eligible for, and therefore, they may apply for. The screener, which will begin development in Fiscal Year 2025 will include at a minimum, criteria for: child care scholarships, public school pre-k, and Early Head Start/Head Start. The screener will be housed on the Early Childhood Texas website.	