

Rep. Henry Cuellar Supports Education and College Affordability

Establishes the TEXAS Grant Program and Increases Maximum Funding for Pell Grants

Active / Passed Legislation

Rep. Cuellar Lead the Effort to create the State of Texas' First Seamless Educational Pathway to Higher Education.

- As Chair of the Texas House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, he helped fund and build a seamless Pre-K through 16 education, starting early in the pre-kindergarten years all the way through college.
- He also worked to better fund teacher pay raises, teacher health insurance and retirement benefits, reading initiatives, expanded Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Ninth Grade Dropout Prevention Programs, and for the first time, construction of school facilities.

Rep. Cuellar is the Original Author of the *TEXAS (Toward EXcellence, Access and Success) Grant Program*.

- As a State Representative in Texas, Congressman Cuellar established the *Towards Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS)* Grant program.
- The program provides assistance to students with financial needs, who are seeking to earn a college degree.
- It is now the largest grant program in the State of Texas and it has been able to assist thousands of students in continuing on to higher educational institutions.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Committee Provisions

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$6,895 for the maximum Pell Grant.

- Increase of \$400 from FY21 funding.

FY22 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured language addressing food insecurity among college students.

- The language directed the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education to improve outreach to eligible college students.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$20,000,000 for Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

- Increase of \$7.5 million from FY21 funding.

FY22 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$56,000,000 for the NSF HSI-specific program.

- Increase of \$9.5 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$48,000,000 for the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP)

- Increase of \$10 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$140,000,000 for the STOP School Violence Act grant program.

- Increase of \$8 million from FY21 funding.

FY22 Defense Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$81,300,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program.

- Increase of \$3.7 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$50,000,000 for Impact Aid.

- Increase of \$10 million from FY21 funding

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$20,000,000 for Impact Aid for children with disabilities.

- Increase of \$10 million from FY21 funding

FY22 Energy and Water Development Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$40,000,000 for the Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program.

- Increase of \$5 million from FY21 funding.

FY22 Interior and Environment Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured \$8,324,000 for the National Museum of the American Latino and Latino Programs.

- Language includes \$5,000,000 supporting Latino programs and focus on U.S. Latino contributions to science, history, and culture, as well as exhibition and collections development, public and education programs, research and publications, digital content, and fellowships and internships
- Secured \$3,324,000 to begin to lay the groundwork for staffing, fundraising, and development of the museum.

FY22 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$12,182,095,000 for Head Start Programs, Children and Families Services Programs, Department of Health and Human Services.

- Increase of \$1.4 billion from FY21.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,552,112,000 for Impact Aid.

- Increase of \$51 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$236,732,000 for Title V, Part A (Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program).

- Increase of \$88 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$28,845,000 for Title V, Part B (Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program).

- Increase of \$13 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$66,123,000 for High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

- Increase of \$20 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$382,626,000 for State Agency Program for Migrant Education.

- Increase of \$7 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$408,000,000 for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

- Increase of \$40 million from FY21 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,297,761,000 for Federal TRIO Programs.

- Increase of \$200,761,000 from FY21 funding.

FY22 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$750,000,000 for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs.

- Increase of \$9.7 million from FY21 funding.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Committee Provisions

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$6,495 for the maximum Pell Grant.

- Increase of \$150 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped ensured funding for year-round, or "Summer," Pell Grants.

- The program is known as Year Round Pell and students may receive a Pell Grant for up to 150 percent of their scheduled award.
- These provide approximately one million students nationwide with additional funds for higher education.

FY21 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured language addressing food insecurity among college students.

- The language directed the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education to improve outreach to eligible college students.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,000,000 for Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

FY21 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$46,500,000 for the NSF HSI-specific program.

- Increase of \$1,500,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$38,000,000 for the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP)

- Increase of \$2,000,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$132,000,000 for the STOP School Violence Act grant program.

- Increase of \$7,000,000 from FY20 funding.

FY21 Defense Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$81,300,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program.

- Increase of \$40,592,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$50,000,000 for Impact Aid.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$20,000,000 for Impact Aid for children with disabilities.

FY21 Energy and Water Development Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$35,000,000 for the Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program.

- Increase of \$10,000,000 from FY20 funding.

FY21 Interior and Environment Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured \$6,000,000 for the Smithsonian's Latino Center.

- Increase of \$1,000,000 from FY20 funding.
- Language directed the expansion of exhibit activities and cultivate new Latino curators in anticipation of the gallery's opening.
- Language encouraged collaboration among interest parties including Hispanic Serving Institutions.

FY21 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$10,748,000,000 for Head Start Programs, Children and Families Services Programs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,501,000,000 for Impact Aid.

- Increase of \$34 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$155,081,000 for Title V, Part A (Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program).

- Increase of \$5 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,599,000 for Title V, Part B (Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program).

- Increase of \$761,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$46,123,000 for High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

- Increase of \$500,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$378,501,000 for State Agency Program for Migrant Education.

- Increase of \$875,000 from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$368,000,000 for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

- Increase of \$3 million from FY20 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,097,000,000 for Federal TRIO Programs.

- Increase of \$7 million from FY20 funding.

FY21 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$740,300,000 for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs.

- Increase of \$10.3 million from FY20 funding.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Committee Provisions

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$6,345 for the maximum Pell Grant.

- Increase of \$150 from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped ensure funding for year-round, or "Summer," Pell Grants.

- The program is known as Year Round Pell and students may receive a Pell Grant for up to 150 percent of their scheduled award.
- These provide approximately one million students nationwide with additional funds for higher education.

FY20 Agriculture, Rural Development, & Food and Drug Administration Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured language addressing food insecurity among college students.

- The language directed the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education to improve outreach to eligible college students.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$13,000,000 for Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

- Increase of \$3,781,000 from FY19 funding.

FY20 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$45,000,000 for the NSF HSI-specific program.

- Increase of \$5,000,000 from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$36,000,000 for the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP)

- Increase of \$4,000,000 from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$125,000,000 for the STOP School Violence Act grant program.

- Increase of \$25,000,000 from FY19 funding.

FY20 Defense Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$40,708,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program.

- Increase of \$408,000 from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$40,000,000 for Impact Aid.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$10,000,000 for Impact Aid for children with disabilities.

FY20 Energy and Water Development Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$25,000,000 for the Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program.

- Increase of \$5,000,000 from FY19 funding.

FY20 Interior and Environment Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar secured \$5,000,000 for the Smithsonian’s Latino Center.

- Language directed the expansion of exhibit activities and cultivate new Latino curators in anticipation of the gallery’s opening.
- Language encouraged collaboration among interest parties including Hispanic Serving Institutions.

FY20 Labor, Health and Human Services, & Education Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$11,250,000,000 for Head Start Programs, Children and Families Services Programs.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,486,000,000 for Impact Aid.

- Increase of \$36 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$150,000,000 for Title V, Part A (Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program).

- Increase of \$26 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$12,838,000 for Title V, Part B (Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program).

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$45,623,000 for High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

- Increase of \$1 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$374,751,000 for State Agency Program for Migrant Education.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$365,000,000 for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

- Increase of \$5 million from FY19 funding.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$1,090,000,000 for Federal TRIO Programs.

- Increase of \$30 million from FY19 funding.

FY20 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$730,000,000 for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs.

- Increase of \$84 million from FY19 funding.