

Consider Ratifying Acceptance of U.S. Department of Education TRIO – Student Support Services Grant Award – Building Bridges to Success for Project Year 2026-27

The Building Bridges to Success (BBS) program at Galveston College is a federally funded TRIO Student Support Services program designed to help program participants overcome academic, social, cultural, and economic barriers to educational success. Faculty and staff from across the college, along with community volunteers, work collaboratively to provide services and activities that support student retention, good academic standing, graduation, and transfer to 4-year institutions.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide academic support, financial literacy education, student support services, and information regarding financial aid and scholarships to currently enrolled students who demonstrate an established academic need and are first-generation, economically disadvantaged, or have a documented accessibility need. For the 29th consecutive year, Galveston College has received federal funding to continue the BBS program.

Following is the Grant Award Notification indicating the amount of the award is \$295,251 for the budget period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027. Staff recommends ratifying the acceptance of this grant award.