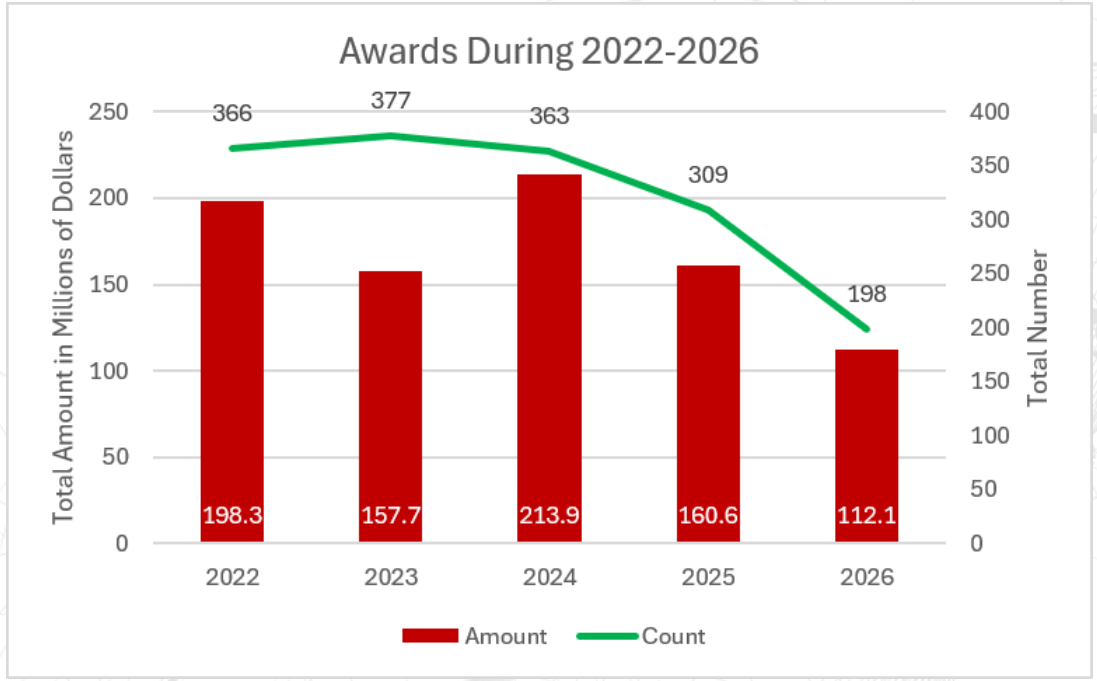
Annual Report on Awards of $1 Million or More

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Awards During FY22-26

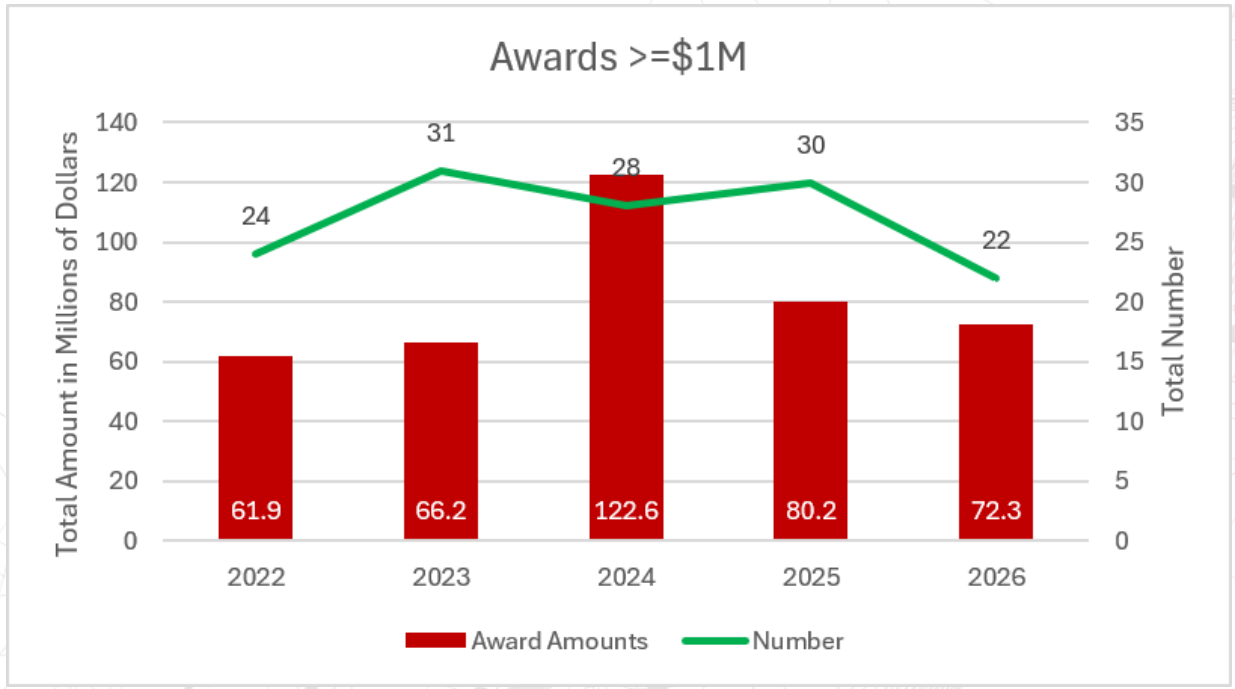
- During FY 22-26, UH received 1,613 awards for a total of $842.6 M
- Top Colleges in FY 26
  - CLASS: $23.6M
  - Engineering: $23.4M
  - NSM: $22.5 million
  - UH Population Health: $21.0M
  - Pharmacy: $10.2M
  - COM: $4.6M
  - Optometry: $3.9M
  - Other: $3.0M
- Average projected award amount
  - FY 22-26: $522,000
  - FY 26: $566,000



Awards: $1 Million or More During FY 22-26

- **During FY 22-26**, UH received 135 awards of $1M or more
  - Total projected award amounts: $403.2M
  - Average projected award amount: $2.99M

- **In FY 26**: 22 awards $1M or more for a total of $72.3M
  - Federal: 18 awards; total $66.5M
  - State: 2 awards; total $2.9 MM
  - Average projected award amount: $3.29M



UH FY26 Award Highlights: $1 Million or more

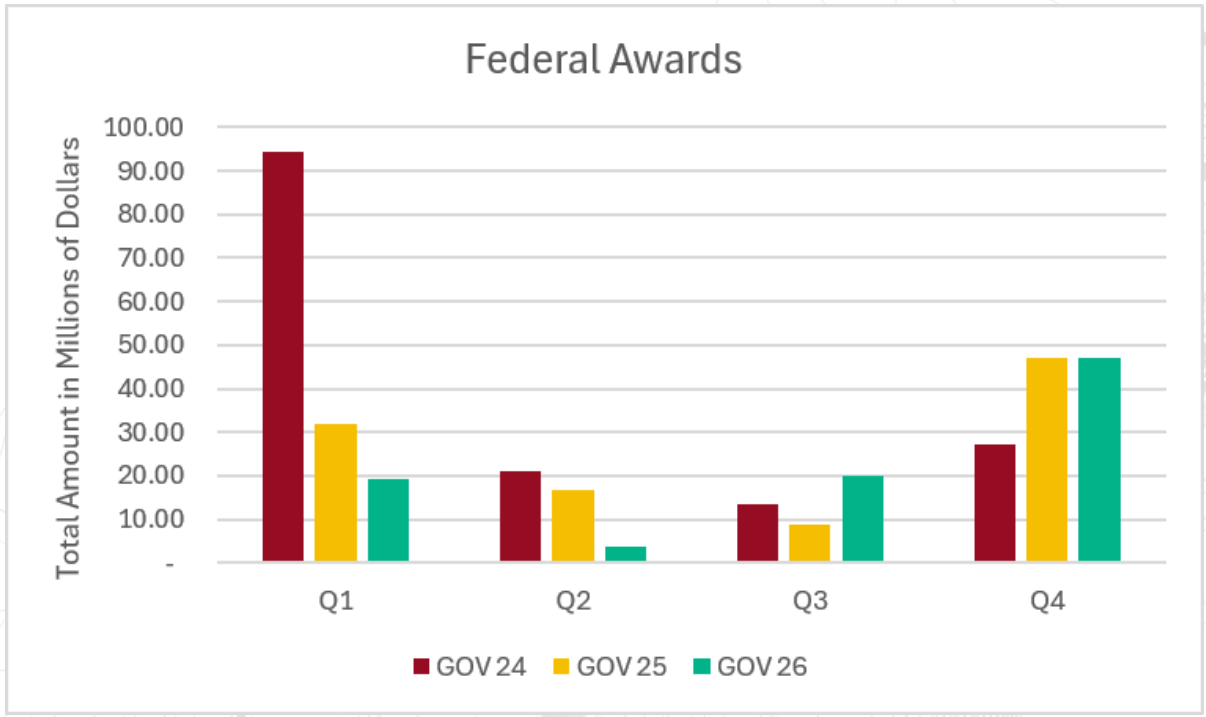
- Top Units (by total projected award amount)
  - UH Population Health (2): $21.0M
  - CLASS (4): $18.5M
  - NSM (5): $10.4M
  - Engineering (5): $6.9M
  - Pharmacy (2): $5.8M
  - COM (1): $3.8M
  - Optometry (2): $3.0M
- The three largest awards in FY 25:
  - Dr. Bettina Beech, UH Population Health (NIH): $18.7M
    - Advancing Chronic Disease Health Disparities Research
  - Dr. Elena Grigorenko, CLASS (NIH): $11.8M
    - Epidemiology, Etiology, And Pathways to Developmental Language Disorder (DLD): The Role Of Late Talking In Linguistically And Culturally Diverse Children
  - Dr. Lola Adepoju, COM (NIH): $3.8M
    - Supporting, Monitoring, and Remote Tracking for Pre-diabetes



Federal Impact

- Awards
  - FY 24: 363 awards for $213.9M
  - FY 25: 309 awards for $160.6M
  - FY 26: 198 awards for $112.1M

- Federal Awards
  - FY 24: 132 awards for $155.9M
  - FY 25: 98 awards for $104.3M
  - FY 26: 79 awards for $90.0M



UHD Highlights

- FY 26
  - Houston Endowment: Alternative Intensive Certification Program ($750,000)
    - UHD is seeking to redesign its Alternative Certification Educator Preparation Program (UHD ACP) to assist our local schools in addressing the teacher shortage.
  - CPRIT: Increasing the use of HPV vaccination services among medically underserved young adults ($676,899)
    - Project addresses low HPV vaccination rates among young adults in medically underserved counties in Texas.
  - NSF: Empowering STEM Students Through Structured Computer Data Sciences ($493,617)
    - To increase STEM preparation, self-efficacy, and identity through a developmental training course sequence. Includes summer research experience.
- A glimpse into the future (FY 27)
  - Department of Labor: Career Pathways Workforce Readiness Initiative Program ($3.0M)
  - Department of Education: ILLUMEN SPED: Integrating Language and Literacy Understanding through MENtorship for Special EDucators ($1.2M)

UHCL Highlights

- FY 26
  - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Autism Grant Program: Parent-Directed Treatment ($500,000)
    - The program provides hand-on training for parents and caregivers focused on increasing communication skills.
  - NASA: ASCEND: A Pathway to Advancing Structural Ceramic Electronics for NASA Science through Integrated Research Collaboration and Student Development ($245,160)
    - This project develops materials for operations in extreme environments.
  - Texas Workforce Commission: UHCL's College Credit for Heroes ($200,00)
    - This program will enhance the automation of the military credit tracking program, expand training, and broaden outreach to students.
- A glimpse into the future (FY 27)
  - Department of Education's Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success program: Center of Excellence ($2.3M)

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