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- The BISD Grants Department mission involves close collaboration with all schools and departments to assess and help in acquiring resources, professional development, technology and funding for teachers and students.
- ACE/21st Century Grant is a collaboration between BISD and Texas Southmost College at 5 middle schools and 5 high schools to provide enrichment and after school classes for our BISD students. TSC provided virtual summer programing for our students at the ten (10) BISD schools.
- Blended Learning Grant

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- CTE Summer Program grant (TEA, \$50,000): Students would be eligible to receive up to \$500 (\$125 maximum per week) for participation in the 4-week program. BISD CTE Dept. will use the funding to establish a summer bridge program for 9th - upcoming 12th graders in Focus Area 2 of TEA Grant. BISD CTE students will be given the opportunity to explore the various Career Clusters available at BISD through a high-quality and well-designed summer program through work-based learning. BISD students will be eligible to receive up to \$500 for participation in the summer program.
- Dual Enrollment Grant (Texas Workforce Commission)

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- Fishing Education/Teacher Certification Angler Education grant (Texas Parks & Wildlife, \$25,000) partnership grant with Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Teachers receive training and become certified Angler Education Instructors through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Teachers and students also traveled to the Laguna Atascosa Refuge new Unit Bahia Grande where they practiced "catch-and-release" thus saving precious resources for generations to come. Some of the larger fish, such as Snook were weighed and tagged by UTRGV marine biologist for monitoring purposes.

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- Good Samaritan Program (San Antonio, Texas) is a partnership with Brownsville ISD to provide before, during and after school programming for students at ???Skinner El., Sharp El, Stillman MS, Pace ECHS; plus the Camp Good Sam summer program. Good Samaritan uses the ABC character building curriculum and low ropes teamwork building activities and will be working with students in a supportive roll this fall semester.
- Hanna PTECH (TEA)

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- LIBRO Grant (U.S. Dept. Of Education, \$8.1 Million) 17 Schools were remodeled and equiped with the most modern technology for student usage. This spring and summer, the LIBRO grant charged ahead remodeling and modernizing 18 BISD school libraries. State of the Art Libraries await our students when they return to their schools. Meanwhile, many of the laptops purchased with this grant will be utilized for distance learning in the fall semester.

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- Historias Americanas Grant (a true partnership grant written by Brownsville ISD, Edinburg CISD, and faculty at UTRGV to the U.S. Dept. Of Education, \$2.1 Million): this 3-year grant provides professional development to many of K-12 History/Social Studies teachers during the year. Our K-12 teachers just completed a 4-Day technology training lead by Dr. Joe Lambert from Stanford Univeristy – teachers learn to make videos that will utilized in the fall semester with virtual instruction. UTRGV provided stipends, and site licenses for each teacher trained.
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- The BISD Grants Department will continue to apply for technology and wi-fi connectivity to provide our teachers and students with the best virtual learning experiences.

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- PROJECT RISE Region One (U.S. Dept. Of Education, \$48 Million shared between 31 campuses across the RGV): Faulk MS and Porter ECHS are part of this amazing 5-year grant that provide teacher incentive funding and the latest in professional development for teachers and administrators. Faulk and Porter teachers, administration and support staff are engaged in learning year around.
- Project RISE in the RGV is providing the foundation for TEA's Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) that will help us keep the very best teachers in the district.



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- We are in the final application phase of TIA's first TEA cohort application (Faulk MS & Porter ECHS) with the following five BISD Departments: Human Resources, Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment, Research & Evaluation and Grants. This application process is very important as we prepare for Teacher Incentive Allotment for all BISD campuses in Spring 2021.

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- UTRGV GEARUP has transitioned its cohort of BISD students from Perkins, Garcia, Lucio, Besteiro and Faulk middle schools in 2017-2019 leaving technology in the Math and Science Departments that will assist those campuses with the upcoming fall semester virtual classrooms. UTRGV transitioned to Lopez, Porter and Rivera ECHS this past year, again purchasing technology for high school Math and Science departments in preparation for summer school. In addition, UTRGV provided additional funding of \$90K to support technology purchases in May so teachers and students could utilize them in summer and add to the inventory of available devices for student use this fall.
- The BISD Grants Department will continue to research and work with all BISD Departments to find external funding for technology, professional development in preparation for virtual learning.