

GRANT AGENDA ITEM:

BOARD MEETING DATE:
June 22, 2026

Title: CenterPoint Energy Foundation Charitable Grant Program

Administration Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of \$15,000 for the Career and Technical Education Department from the CenterPoint Energy Foundation for its Construction Technology and Electrical Technicians Programs.

Authority for this action: Policy CDC (Local) states that any gift with a cost or market value of \$5,000 or more, any gift that the potential donor has expressly made conditional upon the district's use for a specified purpose, or any gift of real property, shall require Board approval.

Plan addressed: The plan is to certify high school juniors and seniors within the Electrical Technician program in OSHA certifications and provide them with additional wire and conduit materials to build specific skills, which industry partners report are in demand, leading to greater employability after graduation and retention in the industry.

Background: High school seniors have been earning their OSHA 30 certifications, and high school juniors OSHA 10 certifications since the 2020-2021 school year within the Electrical Technician program. This grant award will allow students to continue earning their OSHA certifications and refining their skills as they earn dual course credit and a Level 1 Commercial Electrical Certificate from Houston Community College, in spite of the district-wide budget cuts.

Impact of this action: If the grant award is approved, SBISD will implement the project. If the award is not approved, SBISD will evaluate funding options.

Budget information: The \$15,000 grant award is to be used to help cover the cost for students to become certified in OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 and the cost of additional supplies so that students can repeatedly practice new technical skills to achieve proficiency and build their self-confidence as well as earning real life work experience.

Monitoring and reporting timeline: Upon completion of the grant period, an impact report must be provided. A CTE Facilitator will gather data for the report which will be submitted to the Executive Director of SBEF since the funds will be flowing through SBEF.

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Attachment: None