



STATEMENT FROM CREEED BOARD ON \$12M GRANT FROM HUNT FAMILY FOUNDATION

El Paso, TX - Today, the Hunt Family Foundation announced they will award the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED) a \$12 million grant, for eight years, to accelerate improvement of educational attainment in the El Paso region. Richard A. Castro, Chairman of the CREEED Board, issued the following statement:

“On behalf of the CREEED Board, I would like to thank the Hunt Family Foundation for their generous grant of \$12 million dollars and for investing in El Paso families. Woody Hunt’s initial vision of bringing together business and community leaders to tackle some of El Paso’s greatest education challenges provided the foundation for our organization and this new investment will allow our organization to carry out our mission of closing the persistent education gaps that exist in our region.

Since our founding, CREEED has built relationships with our local school districts and institutions of higher learning to support their innovative initiatives that help prepare students to obtain a postsecondary degree or successfully enter the workforce. However, we know that preparing our future workforce requires more strategic focus and a clear sense of where we want to be in 5 or 10 years.

This additional investment will help us move our region towards meeting the 60 percent attainment goal identified in our 60x30 El Paso report and prepare our workforce to compete in our changing economy. We’re grateful to the Hunt Family Foundation for their support and look forward to continuing our work together to ensure every student in our region can achieve their full potential.”

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About the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED):

CREEED is a not-for-profit education policy and advocacy group focused on creating measureable outcomes and dedicated to closing the achievement gap for El Paso County students. We accomplish this goal by investing in policies, programs, and metrics that prepare students to succeed in college and our future workforce.