

**Requests for Applications (RFA) Camp Code for Girls  
Discussion Paper**

**Background**

The evaluation process is complete for RFA Camp Code for Girls 32020-00041, and the evaluation team reviewed forty-eight (48) eligible applications. The purpose of Camp Code for Girls is to increase the interest of Texas middle school girls in coding and programming by providing hands-on experiences in summer camps that include challenging and innovative concepts and experiences in learning, problem solving, and analytical skills, and simultaneously fostering an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related careers.

**Issue:**

The Commission approved an increase in funding from \$600,000 to \$750,000 for this initiative based on an increased number of applications received last year; however, applicants 12 and 13 are tied, therefore, we recommend funding for all 13. Per the Statewide Initiatives Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), we are requesting approval for the additional \$14,052 in TANF funds. The grants are scheduled to begin in March 2020.

No.	Average	Requested Funds**	Cumulative Total
1	<b>96.33</b>	\$52,500	\$52,500
2	<b>94.67</b>	\$100,000	\$152,500
3	<b>94.67</b>	\$96,587	\$249,087
4	<b>92.67</b>	\$36,475	\$285,562
5	<b>92.33</b>	\$89,100	\$374,662
6	<b>91.00</b>	\$77,347	\$452,009
7	<b>90.33</b>	\$12,314	\$464,323
8	<b>90.00</b>	\$35,921	\$500,244
9	<b>89.67</b>	\$36,362	\$536,606
10	<b>89.67</b>	\$86,426	\$623,032
11	<b>89.00</b>	\$14,200	\$637,232
12	<b>88.33</b>	\$26,850	\$664,082
13	<b>88.33</b>	\$99,970	\$764,052

**Decision Point**

Staff seeks direction on approval of an additional \$14,052 in TANF funding to fully fund the top 13 applications.