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**BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS RECIEVES \$20,000
COMMUNITY GRANT FROM TACO BELL FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT
LOCAL YOUTH**

The Taco Bell Foundation is awarding a record-breaking \$32 million in Community Grants in 2026 – marking the first year that Breakthrough Central Texas has been selected as a grant recipient.

AUSTIN, TX – Breakthrough Central Texas is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 Community Grant from the [Taco Bell Foundation](#). The funding will support college access & success programming, helping high school and college students in Central Texas access essential resources to achieve their goals.

“At Breakthrough, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to discover their potential and pursue a future filled with possibilities,” said Michael Griffith, Breakthrough Executive Director. “Support from the Taco Bell Foundation allows us to expand college and career exploration, strengthen mentorship opportunities, and equip more students with the tools they need to succeed in school and beyond.”

2026 is Taco Bell Foundation’s biggest Community Grants year yet: a record \$32 million supporting 700 nonprofits nationwide, representing a 40% increase in nonprofit partners from last year. Fueled by fans who Round Up their Taco Bell order totals, the investment is creating more opportunities for young people through education, career readiness, mentorship and youth empowerment.

Breakthrough Central Texas was nominated for the grant by local Taco Bell franchisee, whose continued commitment to uplifting youth has helped expand access to education, mentorship, and career readiness programs across the community.

“When you think about how this started, with fans giving a little extra at checkout, it’s incredible to see that generosity grow into \$32 million for organizations serving young people across the country,” said Morgan Tabor, Executive Director of the Taco Bell Foundation. “What I love most about Community Grants is how local they are. Taco Bell franchisees know these organizations, they believe in their work, and together we’re helping more young people see just how much is possible for their futures.”

Through this grant, Breakthrough Central Texas will be able to provide college and career exploration and readiness, mentorship, youth empowerment initiatives, and other educational opportunities that help students in Central Texas access the resources, guidance, and experiences needed to achieve their goals and thrive through college and beyond.

To learn more about Breakthrough Central Texas, please visit breakthroughctx.org. To learn more about the Taco Bell Foundation and the Community Grants program, please visit <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/who-we-support/>.

ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS

Breakthrough Central Texas is the leading college access and success nonprofit in Central Texas. For 25 years, we have partnered with thousands of middle and high school students who aspire to be the first in their family to graduate with a degree or certificate. We make a radical, long-term commitment to students, to and through college, unlocking the power of education and a lifetime of opportunity. We support the whole student with personalized services, work closely with community partners, campuses, and employers, and advocate for our students with lawmakers. Breakthrough students attend 60+ public schools and persist at nearly 100 colleges and universities. The result is that 55% of Breakthrough students graduate from college, compared to 17% of low-income students in our region. Our work has resulted in more than 650 postsecondary graduates, with 4,000 on their way, positively impacting families for generations, our region's educational equity, and the Central Texas economy. Join the conversation at [@BreakthroughCTX](https://www.instagram.com/BreakthroughCTX), Instagram [@BreakthroughCTX](https://www.instagram.com/BreakthroughCTX) and at [Facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX](https://www.facebook.com/BreakthroughCTX). To learn more, visit www.breakthroughctx.org.

About Taco Bell Foundation

Taco Bell Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) public charity that empowers the next generation to pursue their passions by breaking down barriers to education and providing resources to help young people chase their boldest ambitions. Since 1992, the Taco Bell Foundation has reached more than 13 million young people across the country and has awarded more than \$278 million in grants and scholarships, focused on education and career readiness. For more information about the Taco Bell Foundation, visit www.tacobellfoundation.org.

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