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# DALLAS COWBOYS TEAM WITH TEXAS LOTTERY TO AWARD YOUTH HEALTH & WELLNESS GRANTS TO TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Five-Year Commitment Will Provide \$300,000 in Grants for Texas Public Schools*

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For the third year, the Dallas Cowboys partnered with the Texas Lottery to provide the Funds for Fitness grant program to Texas public school institutions looking to create new or enhance existing youth health and wellness projects on their campuses.

As part of a five-year, \$300,000 program commitment, the 2019 Funds for Fitness effort is awarding 15 schools from across Dallas-Fort Worth and beyond with funds totaling \$60,000 – five grants each that benefit elementary, middle school and high school students.

On Thursday, May 16, Robert Tirloni, Products Manager of the Texas Lottery, will be joined by Cowboys mascot Rowdy and members of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders in surprising three local educators with their Funds for Fitness grant awards during a presentation tour. The stops will include Carter-Riverside High School in Fort Worth, Young Men's Leadership Academy in Grand Prairie ISD and McKamy Elementary School in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

"The Dallas Cowboys are proud to partner with the Texas Lottery to help elevate student health efforts in schools across the state of Texas," said Charlotte Jones Anderson, Dallas Cowboys Executive Vice President and Chief Brand Officer. "It's clear that Texas educators are passionate about improving the lives of their students. We are excited to follow the progress of the projects selected and witness the impact that these innovations will have on student-health."

The 2019 Funds for Fitness grant award winners at the Elementary School level are:

- Chandler Elementary School, Kilgore ISD (\$1,000)
- Honey Elementary School, Lubbock ISD (\$1,000)
- McKamy Elementary School, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (\$2,500)
- Trevino Elementary School, PSJA ISD (\$3,000)
- Jefferson Elementary School, Temple ISD (\$5,000)

Middle Schools receiving Funds for Fitness grants in 2019 are:

- Kirby Middle School, Judson ISD (\$1,000)
- Berry Middle School, Mesquite ISD (\$2,000)
- Sam Houston Middle School, Garland ISD (\$4,000)
- Youth Men's Leadership Academy, Grand Prairie ISD (\$5,000)
- Travis Middle School, Irving ISD (\$8,000)

High Schools across Texas that will receive 2019 Funds for Fitness monies are:

- Gatesville High School, Gatesville ISD (\$5,000)
- North Mesquite High School, Mesquite ISD (\$2,500)
- South Garland High School, Garland ISD (\$5,000)
- Del Valle High School, Ysleta ISD (\$5,000)
- Carter-Riverside High School, Fort Worth ISD (\$10,000)

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Earlier this year, Texas public school teachers had the opportunity to apply for grant funds to innovate and elevate their health and wellness initiatives through the Funds for Fitness program. At the end of the application period, a panel selected a group of finalists from the elementary, middle and high school levels and awarded based off of the financial need of the proposed initiative and its far-reaching impact on student health.

“On behalf of the Texas Lottery, I want to congratulate this year's Fund for Fitness grant winners,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. We are proud to partner with the Cowboys on this initiative that aligns with our mission to support public education in Texas.”

During the application process, candidates outlined the objective of their fitness initiative, what the grant funds will be used for and the timeline of the program should the monies be awarded. Multi-media elements like videos and photographs were also requested as part of the online application process.

Year four of the five-year Funds for Fitness program will open in January of 2020, with an additional \$60,000 being awarded to public schools from across Texas as they strive to improve the quality of student health on their campuses.

#### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$29 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$60 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$23 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$113 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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