

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER



**NON-FORMULA SUPPORT ITEM REQUEST
SUPPORTING UTSA'S URBAN SERVING MISSION**

ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST

\$2,742,957 per year | \$5,485,914 over biennium

OVERVIEW

In cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, UTSA's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) promotes business and economic development across 79 counties along the southwest Texas border. Continued special item funding support will allow the SBDC to further its important work to promote growth, innovation, productivity and sound management for nearly 30,000 small businesses.

THE CHALLENGE

SBDC special item funding was cut 34% during the 2017 legislative session. Further cuts would make it difficult for SBDC to continue to serve the growing number of business clients throughout Southwest Texas with consulting, technical assistance, group training seminars and student internships. This cut in services will be felt most acutely within rural areas and among businesses that are women, minority and veteran-owned.

THE IMPACT

The SBDC is a proven and efficient means to driving economic growth, and continued support will ultimately result in increasing overall revenues for Texas.

Special item funding support for the SBDC over the last biennium resulted in:

- » \$46 million in contributed incremental tax revenue
- » \$796 million in increased sales/contracts/exports
- » Creation of 5,549 jobs
- » Retention of 6,741 jobs

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