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CVS Pharmacy Partners with Alliance for Multicultural Community Services for a \$315,405 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN — The Gulf Coast-area workforce will benefit from a \$315,405 Self-Sufficiency Fund grant administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). CVS Pharmacy partnered with Alliance for Multicultural Community Services for the grant, which helps individuals transition from public assistance back into the workforce.

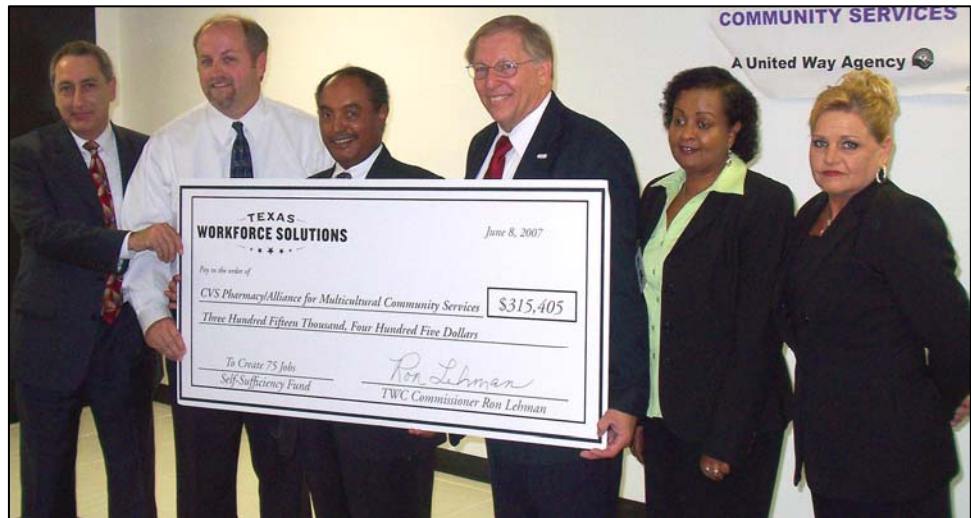
The grant will help train 75 new employees as pharmacy technicians. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$12.

“This Self-Sufficiency fund grant provides much-needed training, giving employers a skilled labor force,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. “Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature, TWC makes these grants available each year, assisting thousands of Texans to improve their quality of life.”

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Self-Sufficiency Fund grants created or upgraded 2,564 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$10.24 upon completion of the training. The grants assisted 42 Texas employers with their customized training needs. More than \$6.2 million has been appropriated to the Self-Sufficiency Fund for the 2008-09 biennium.

Employers seeking more information about the Self-Sufficiency Fund may visit the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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In this photo released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman (fourth from left) presents a Self-Sufficiency Fund grant check for \$315,405 to President/CEO of Professional Careers Institute Sam Al-Rifai (far left), CVS Pharmacy Human Resources Business Manager Jimmy Griffin (second from left), Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Executive Director Kassahun Bisrat (third from left), Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Director of Community Programs Miriam Diria (second from right) and Manager of Self Sufficiency Pharmacy Technician Training Program Anita Wertz (far right). (Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Photo)

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