

(a)FY25 One-Time Request: Success Initiative (FSI) Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Conference

An integral part of Center for Student Empowerment has been its pillar programs. Due to increase numbers of students former foster youth, orphan, ward of state, unaccompanied youth and students experiencing homelessness), CSE is seeking funds to enhance its program offerings under its Fostering Success Initiative (FSI). Additionally, UH was asked to host the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) program Conference which was implemented in 1986 to ensure that older youth in substitute care are prepared for their inevitable departure from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' care and support.

Each CSE event will have the following:

- Unique advertising with separate themes and activities.
- Planned around what a certain population of student would get involved in.
- Held in either the Lynn Eusan Park or the University Center.
- Planned collaboratively with registered student organizations, colleges, and departments to attract diverse student populations

Events will be advertised in the following ways:

- Classroom announcements
- Electronic bulletin boards and the Get Involved website
- Coog Radio and Coog News
- Paper advertising – handbills, flyers, A-frames
- Ads in The Daily Cougar
- Facebook, social media advertising, and CSE website

DSA Strategic Initiative

- Increase Retention of First Time in College (FTIC) students
- Promote increased student credit hours and GPA for FTIC
- Increase the retention rate of Pell-eligible FTIC graduate students.

Hilton Rooms (159.00 * 50 rooms)	\$7,950.00
Food	\$5,500.00
Game Room	\$550.00
Supplies and Controlled Assets	\$1,000.00
Equipment (Rent/Lease/Purchase)	\$6,058.00
6% Administrative Charge	\$1,263.48
Total PAL Conference	\$21,058.00

As the numbers above indicate, the Center for Student Empowerment budget is very non-controllable and does not allow the organization to operationally serve a growing more diverse student body. This request for enhanced financial support is directly correlated to the growth in CSE initiatives and the number of students served by CSE.