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Governor Abbott Directs TWC To Apply For Federal Lost Wage Assistance Funds

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has applied for additional unemployment benefit funding made available through President Trump's [Lost Wage Assistance Executive Order](#). If granted, this funding will provide an additional \$300 per week in benefits for qualifying Texans receiving unemployment benefits.

"The Lost Wage Assistance program will provide crucial financial support to Texans who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Abbott. "Texas is grateful to President Trump for making these funds available to individuals and asks that our federal partners quickly grant this request so that TWC can swiftly administer this funding to Texans."

Signed on August 8, 2020, this Executive Order provides \$300 a week in additional unemployment payments to claimants eligible for more than \$100 of certain state unemployment benefits who are experiencing unemployment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Claimants currently receiving unemployment through TWC should continue to request payments as normal. Eligible claimants should expect to receive the additional benefits on their first payment request on or after August 23, 2020. These funds will be backdated to the benefit week ending August 1, 2020.

To apply for unemployment benefits or to request payment visit: ui.texasworkforce.org. All claimants should keep their mailing and email addresses current in the [unemployment benefits services system](#) to prevent delays.

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