



**2023 -2025 Texas Strategic Staffing Grant for Sustainable, Paid Teacher Residency Program
Letter of Interest (LOI) Application Due 11:59 p.m. CT, April 24, 2023**

NOGA ID

Authorizing legislation

GAA, Article III, Rider 40, 87th Texas Legislature

This LOI application must be submitted via email to loiapplications@tea.texas.gov.

The LOI application may be signed with a digital ID or it may be signed by hand. Both forms of signature are acceptable.

TEA must receive the application by **11:59 p.m. CT, April 24, 2023**.

Application stamp-in date and time

Grant period from

August 1, 2023-April 30, 2025

Pre-award costs permitted from

the award announcement date to the grant start date

Required Attachments

1. Excel workbook with the grant's budget schedules (linked along with this form on the TEA Grants Opportunities page)
2. Signed Letter of Commitment or MOU
3. Letter from EPP Partner(s)

Please the program guidelines for further details on the required attachments.

Amendment Number

Amendment number (For amendments only; enter N/A when completing this form to apply for grant funds):

Applicant Information

Organization CDN ESC UEI

Address City ZIP Vendor ID

Primary Contact Email Phone

Secondary Contact Email Phone

Certification and Incorporation

I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by TEA or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

I further certify my acceptance of the requirements conveyed in the following portions of the LOI application, as applicable, and that these documents are incorporated by reference as part of the LOI application and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA):

- LOI application, guidelines, and instructions
- Debarment and Suspension Certification
- General and application-specific Provisions and Assurances
- Lobbying Certification

Authorized Official Name Title

Email Phone

Signature Date

Shared Services Arrangements

Shared services arrangements (SSAs) are not permitted for this grant.

Statutory/Program Assurances

The following assurances apply to this program. In order to meet the requirements of the program, the applicant must comply with these assurances.

Check each of the following boxes to indicate your compliance.

- 1. The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.
- 2. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program Requirements and Program-Specific Assurances as noted in the 2023-2025 Texas Strategic Staffing Grant for Sustainable, Paid Teacher Residency Program Program Guidelines.
- 3. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2023-2025 Texas Strategic Staffing Grant for Sustainable, Paid Teacher Residency Program Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

Program Priority Requirement

For districts/charters that are or have engaged in an ESF diagnostic process during or before the 2022-2023 school year, please provide the year the district went through the diagnostic and the priority focus area in the space below.

Summary of Program

Provide an overview of the program to be implemented with grant funds. Include the overall mission and specific needs of the organization. Describe how the program will address the mission and needs.

Qualifications and Experience for Key Personnel

Outline the required qualifications and experience for primary project personnel and any external consultants projected to be involved in the implementation and delivery of the program. Include whether the position is existing or proposed.

Title and Responsibilities of Position	Required Qualifications and Experience

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

Describe the major goals/objectives of the proposed program. What activities/strategies will be implemented to meet those goals/objectives?

Performance and Evaluation Measures

Describe the performance measures identified for this program which are related to student outcomes and are consistent with the purpose of the program. Include the tools used to measure performance, as well as the processes that will be used to ensure the effectiveness of project objectives and strategies.

Budget Narrative

Describe how the proposed budget will meet the needs and goals of the program, including for staffing, supplies and materials, contracts, travel, etc. If applicable, include a high-level snapshot of funds currently allocated to similar programs. Include a short narrative describing how adjustments will be made in the future to meet needs.

Statutory/Program Requirements

1. Description of partnership foundations: Applicants may have one or more EPP partners on the 2022 Vetted Teacher Residency Program List (link located on TEA Grant Opportunities page). Please list your partner(s) and the following partnership foundations information:

- How many years have you been engaged in a residency partnership?
- How many residents have you placed each year of that partnership?
- Describe your practices for shared governance, or the review of residency program data to inform shared decision-making about teacher candidate and mentor teacher supports. How often do you meet with your partners to review this data? As a partnership, how do you manage follow-up and response to data?
- Please describe any other key features of your partnership's progress toward building a residency program.

Statutory/Program Requirements (Cont.)

2. Description of goals for paid teacher residencies and strategic staffing models: After reviewing the Program Elements section beginning on page 7, describe you and your EPP partner's existing or proposed shared goal for teacher resident placement. How will paid teacher residencies support your broader talent strategy as a component of your overall strategic plan and goals?

Statutory/Program Requirements (Cont.)

3. Commitment of local resources: Please review the Program Elements section on page 7 of the program guidelines. How will you, alongside your partner EPP, commit resources and time to 1) the year-long design process and 2) the implementation supports year? Be sure to provide information about the designation of a strategic staffing design lead, whose role will be co-funded by this grant opportunity. Provide a description of your plan to track and maintain evidence of that staff member's time and effort toward strategic staffing project management.

Statutory/Program Requirements (Cont.)

4. Commitment to shared communication: Describe how you will maintain strong communication throughout the design and implementation of the sustainable teacher residency program with your EPP partners and your technical assistance provider. How will you demonstrate evidence of communication and ongoing engagement with your partner and provider? For example: evidence of communication logs, shared meeting agendas, etc.

5. Strategic staffing technical assistance: The program elements describe how teacher residencies will be made sustainable through strategic staffing models where residents support other instructional needs in the district, such as, for example, substitute teaching or para-professional responsibilities. How do you see the design and implementation of strategic staffing models with teacher residents as a way to support immediate instructional needs in your LEA? Additionally, please describe the rationale you share with your partner(s) for seeking technical assistance for the purpose of designing and implementing strategic staffing models.

Appendix I: Amendment Description and Purpose (leave this section blank when completing the initial application for funding)

An amendment must be submitted when the program plan or budget is altered for the reasons described in the "When to Amend the Application" document posted on the [Administering a Grant](#) page. The following are required to be submitted for an amendment: (1) Page 1 of the application with updated contact information and current authorized official's signature and date, (2) Appendix I with changes identified and described, (3) all updated sections of the application or budget affected by the changes identified below, and, if applicable, (4) Amended Budget Request. Amendment Instructions with more details can be found on the last tab of the budget template.

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Amended Section

Reason for Amendment