

General Webinar

Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3

October 1, 2024 and October 3, 2024



Welcome and Thank You for Joining us Today!



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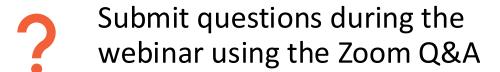
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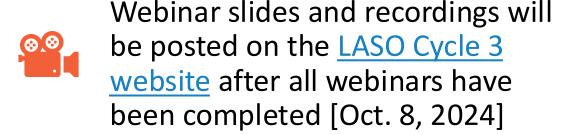
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Email <u>LASO@tea.texas.gov</u> with follow-up questions



Overview of LASO Cycle 3 Grants



Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3 is the next iteration of a consolidated grant application that strategically batches funding opportunities that support learning acceleration and innovation opportunities.

*\$160
Million
in services and supports
TEA initiatives to support learning acceleration and innovation
LEA program application to access funding

TEA

LASO is a consolidated grant application to support key learning acceleration strategies



Curriculum and Instruction

Rigorous, high-quality instructional materials designed to make up ground and master grade level TEKS



More Time

More time for the students in most need, including expanding instructional time in the summer and with targeted tutoring



Innovative School Models

Innovative school models to incorporate all of the learning acceleration framework



LASO Cycle 3 includes 11 grant opportunities



Curriculum & Instruction

Strong Foundations Planning

Strong Foundations Implementation

SFI School Improvement PLC Supports*

Instructional Leadership*

Technology Lending Grant

Blended Learning Grant

Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles



More Time

ADSY Full Year

ADSY Summer Planning and Execution Program



Innovative School Models

School Action Fund

Early College High School

Pathways in Technology Early College High School



TEA LASO Cycle 3 Grant Portfolio

Learning Acceleration Strategy	Grant	Estimated Funding	Source of Funds	Tentative Award Range	Tentative # of Awards
	Strong Foundations Planning	\$24M	Rider 76 (SF) Rider 94 (HB 1605)	\$120K to \$300K	100 – 200 LEAs
	Strong Foundations Implementation	\$58M	Rider 76 (SF) Rider 94 (HB 1605)	~\$200K to \$1,61M	100 - 200 LEAs
	SFI School Improvement PLC Supports Grant	\$14M	Title 1	\$75K-\$150K per campus	100-180 LEAs
Curriculum & Instruction	Instructional Leadership	\$41M	Title 1	\$50K-\$215K per campus	Up to 200 LEAs
© ♥©	Technology Lending	\$5M	Rider 8	Up to \$225K	50-100 LEAs
	Blended Learning	\$6M	Rider 68	Planning-up to \$275K Strategic Operations- up to \$370K	10-14 LEAs
	AP Computer Science Principles	\$1.292M	Rider 74	Up to \$100K	Up to 130 LEAs
More Time	Additional Days School Year PEP Summer Learning	\$750K	Rider 39	Up to \$125K	6-10 LEAs
	School Action Fund (with Additional Days School Year Full Year Redesign)	\$8M	Title I	\$185K-\$375K (per campus)	Up to 36 campuses
Innovative School Models	Early College High School	\$800K	Rider 58	Up to \$800K	10 LEAs
	Pathways in Technology Early College High School	\$1M	Rider 58	Up to \$100K	10 LEAs



TEA Overview of Included Supports

Learning Acceleration Strategy	Grant Program Name	Overview of Support
	Strong Foundations Planning	Provides support to LEAs to develop a strong instructional framework in math or literacy based in the research-based instructional strategies. (RBIS) to guide teaching and learning in the LEA.
	Strong Foundations Implementation	Provides support to LEAs for technical assistance to support high-fidelity implementation of instructional materials, as well as high-quality professional learning (HQPL) for teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators.
	SFI School Improvement PLC Supports	Provides support to LEAs for technical assistance of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to support high-fidelity implementation of instructional materials in Title 1 and Federally Identified campuses participating in SFI.
& Instruction	Instructional Leadership	Provides training, implementation support, and one-on-one coaching to campus and district leaders to build their own capacity and that of the educators that they manage, in Title 1 and Federally Identified campuses.
	Technology Lending Grant	Provides grant funds to school districts to provide students the equipment necessary to access and use digital instructional materials at school and at home.
	Blended Learning Grant	Two paths: Blended Learning Planning to support LEAs in planning, designing, and implementing a high- quality math and reading model. Blended Learning Strategic Operations to support a robust operational shift to scheduling, staffing, and/or budgets, to optimize campus staffing models while maximizing academic impact for students.
	Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles	The AP CSP grant is offered to increase the number of students meeting College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) outcomes and prepare student to succeed in computer science related professions.
More Time	ADSY Summer Learning Accelerator	Provides support for a year-long planning process to design a research-based summer program that enables districts to strengthen implementation of Additional Days School Year (ADSY) funding.
	School Action Fund	Provides technical assistance, resources, and grant funds to support the planning and implementation of school actions for, and at, individual campuses. School districts receive support in adopting a broader continuous improvement strategy to improve schools . Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Full Year is one of many options for SAF.
Innovative School Models	PTECH- Pathway in Technology Early College	Provides campuses an opportunity to plan to build a Pathway in Technology Early College High School and offers opportunities for students to earn a high school diploma while simultaneously earning industry certifications, and/or an associate degree.
	ECHS- Early College High School	Provides campuses an opportunity to build an Early College High School within their district with opportunities for targeted supports through rigorous instruction and accelerated postsecondary courses.



Open Education Resources (OER)

Strong Foundations Implementation Grant

Non OER Instructional Leadership Support

Instructional Leadership Grant

OER+ School Improvement Supports

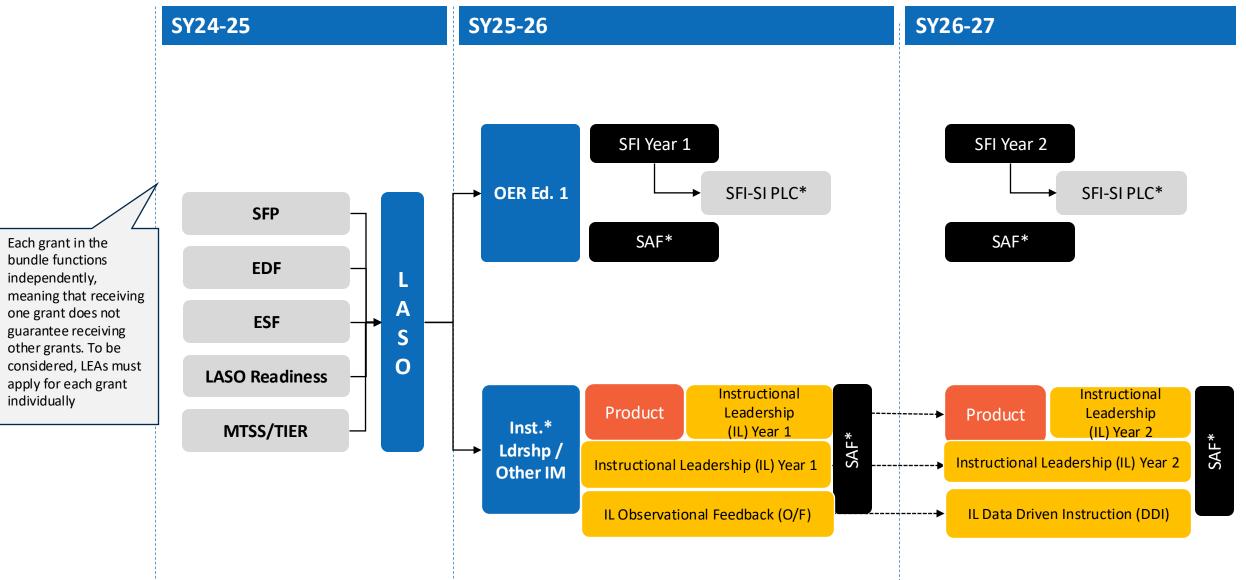
School Improvement PLC Grant

School Model Supports

School Action Fund Grant



C&I Bundles strategically pairs complimentary supports and services



^{*} If a campus applies to multiple grants in C&I bundle, interviews will be conducted to determine the best fit of grants

^{*} Only eligible for federally identified in 2024 and Title 1 campuses

Associated Grant

Adoption of OER Curriculum Strong Foundations Implementation **Strong Foundations** School 8 Adoption of OER Curriculum AND School improvement Supports Implementation Improvement PLC Adoption of OER Curriculum AND School improvement Supports AND **Strong Foundations** School Œ Œ School Action Fund School Model Supports Implementation Improvement PLC

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Non OER Instructional Leadership Support

Instructional Leadership

Non OER Instructional Leadership Support AND School Model Support

Instructional Leadership

School Action Fund

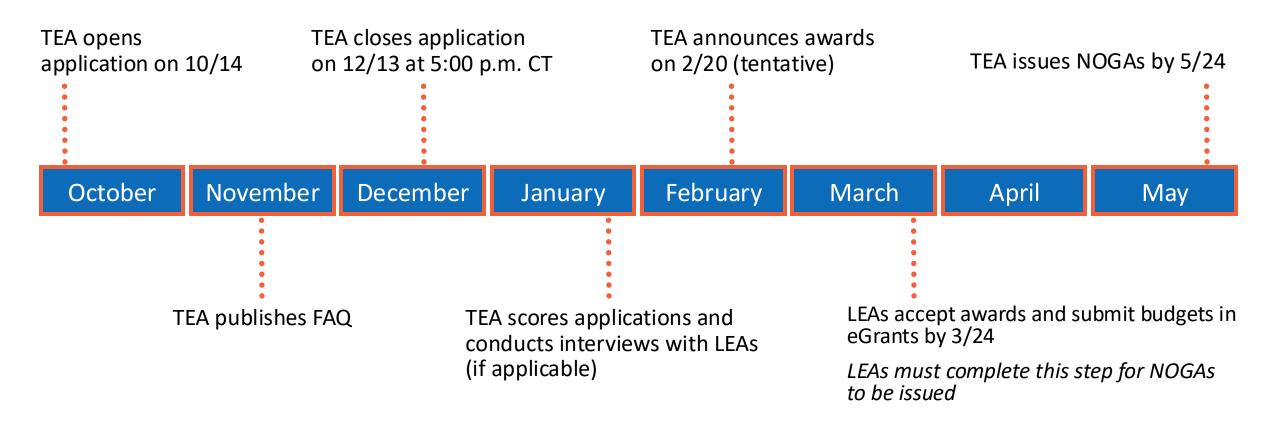
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Overview of Timeline and Resources



LASO Cycle 3 Timeline





Aspects remaining the same between LASO Cycle 2 and LASO Cycle 3

Vision and Purpose

TEA is continuing to offer a streamlined, consolidated grant application, focused on a few grant programs that can be bundled to:

- help accelerate academic gains
- promote LEA's strategic prioritization and decision making
- increase access by lowering the lift on LEAs with a single user-friendly program application

Application Format

One Qualtrics Program Application

Award acceptance and budgeting in the eGrants portal for all awards

* For future iteration, we are exploring options of OneSystem that provides one e-platform for both application and budget

submissions

Learning Acceleration Strategy

LASO will continue to be anchored in the 3/5 learning acceleration strategies

- Curriculum & Instruction
- More Time
- Innovative School Models

Comprehensive Application Support

Socializing the information and providing LEAs extended opportunity to deepen understanding of the grants and the most appropriate grants to support students

- 22 Webinars
- 20+ Office Hours



Continued process improvements in LASO Cycle 3 reinforcing the most effective practices and providing meaningful support

Considerate Application Window

60 Days

District-friendly Timing	Oct	ober 14th - December 13th
Additional Resources to help support the decision- making process	1. 2. 3.	Grant Specific One- Pager with added sections Best- Fit Guidance Eligibility and Prioritization Guidance



Key Resources Available

LASO Website

LASO Cycle 3 application opens in 14 4 23 10 days hrs min sec In October 2024, TEA is continuing to offer streamlined, consolidated grant applications, focused on a few grant programs that are bundled and that help accelerate academic gains. The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) to the next tereston of a universal consolidated application type of the strategically batches grant funding apportunities that are supporting with continued learning acceleration and innovation opportunities. LASO Cycle 3 program grants are focused on three of the five learning acceleration strategies: Carett Purfulio Carett Purfulio Carett Purfulio LASO Cycle 3 consolidated grant application opens October 14, 2024 and closes on December 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. CST.



Note: Tentative until final portfolio released in October



1 LEA program application to access funding

Provides all LASO related key information LASO 3 website

LASO Grant Overview One- Pager

Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) 24-25 Grant



Blended Learning Grant

High Level Program Description

The Blended Learning Grant opportunity has two distinct cohorts and associated purposes that applicants will select from, as described below.

The Blended Learning Planning cohort will support school districts and open-enrollment charter schools through a planning stage to design and subsequently implement a high-quality blended learning model in math (through Math Innovation Zones - MIZ) and reading language arts (RLA) aligned with a High-Quality Instructional Material curriculum (HOIM).

The Blended Learning Strategic Operations cohort will support school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in leveraging a blended learning model to make a strategic operational shift to scheduling, staffing and/or budgets. This shift will seek to make robust operational changes in order to optimize campus staffing models for teachers while maximizing academic impact for students.

Eligibility

Blended Learning Planning: LEAs who have previously participated or currently participating in strong Tier 1 math and/or reading curriculum planning TEA initiatives.

Blended Learning Strategic Operations: LEAs who have previously participated in TEA Blended Learning Grants. Applicants must have shown high usage in approved supplemental products in math and/or reading language arts for grades K-8 in spring of 2024.

Best Fit for LEAs who are looking for:

- a) A high-quality blended learning model in math and literacy.
- The creation of a coherent Tier 1 curriculum and supplemental product strategy
- The implementation of a performance management system, such as weekly Data-Driven-Instructional meetings, to drive student usage of supplemental math or RLA products to research-backed thresholds.
- The continuation of previous instructional strategy work through Strong Foundations in LASO 1.0,2.0, TCLAS or CRIMSI (prior participation required for

 Estimated number of Awards | 10 LEAs (Planning); 14 LEAs (Strategic Operations)

Approximate Program Timeline

- Begin date | March 2025
- End Date | April 2027

Key Program Commitments to Consider

Note | Intended to provide key program commitments, not an exhaustive list of program assurances or requirements.

- Planning Deliverables | The LEA will submit items based on awarded program; Planning - master schedule, assessment calendar, stakeholder engagement plan, professional learning calendars, Strategic Operations - establish steering committee, develop and submit strategic planning deliverables in the six months of the grant.
- Project Management | The LEA will designate and provide a district-level project manager who will be available to dedicate approximately 50% of his or her time to designing and implementing the Blended Learning plan.
- Implementation | Planning and Strategic Operations- The LEA must use an online curriculum, including an adaptive software program and Tier 1 High-Quality Instructional Material, both approved by TEA.
- Training | The LEA will complete all required training to build competency in the online curriculum.
- Communities of Practice | The LEA will participate in required communities of practice and any additional grant program meetings.

Do-Now Consideration

Actions or artifacts needed at time of application submission

 Strategic Operations Cohort only - LEAS will submit a Software Usage Scoring Attachment to help calculate the usage evidence from the provided supplemental product vendor for Spring 2024 supplemental usage data for award finalists.

SAPL Information

Provides high level overview of program description, key commitments, eligibility, timeline, and funding Available on <u>LASO 3 website</u> now

Program Guidelines

2024-2025 Blended Learning Grant Program Guidelines



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Provides <u>detailed</u> information about the grant Available on <u>LASO 3 website</u> on October 14th



TEM NEW Resources Available

Best-Fit Guidance

Objective

This document provides guidance criteria to help ESCs determine if a grant fits LEAs needs.

LASO Grant Portfolio

LASO 3 will provide 11 grant opportunities embedded in three learning acceleration strategies



Curriculum & Instruction

Strong Foundations Planning

Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) provides direct grant funds to LEAs for technical assistance to develop a strong instructional framework in math or literacy based in the research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) to guide key decisions about teaching and learning in the LEA.

Best Fit for LEAs who are looking for:

- a) High-quality professional learning (HQPL) on the math or literacy research-based instructional
- b) Support in developing an instructional framework in math or literacy to guide key decisions about teaching and learning in the LEA
- c) Diagnostic of the current state of instructional materials and instruction
- d) Support in developing an instructional framework rollout plan and deciding whether to adopt highquality instructional materials (HQIM) to achieve the instructional goals of the LEA

Provides guidance criteria to help determine if a grant fits LEAs needs Available on LASO 3 website now

FAQs from LASO 2



Objective

The purpose of this document is to provide answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) separated into

LASO Eligibility Questions

This section contains questions regarding eligibility requirements for the LASO grant opportunity. The LASO grants are comprised of 11 independently managed grants consolidated into One Grant Application.

Question: If we received previous TCLAS or LASO awards, can we apply for LASO grants?

Answer	Receipt of TCLAS awards may or may not impact eligibility for individual LASO grants. Each grant has its own eligibility requirements. More information is available in the <u>LASO Cycle 3 Grant One Pager</u> documents on the LASO website. Full details about each grant will be available in the Program Guidelines, which will be published on October 14 th , when the grant application opens.
Category	Eligibility

Question: Are private schools eligible to apply for LASO Cycle 3?

Answer	Details regarding each LASO program's eligibility can be found in LASO's program guidelines and on the LASO website: https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-ii
Category	Eligibility

Question: Are there any stipulations in Cycle 3 for those awarded grants under LASO in Cycle 1 or in Cycle 2?

Answer	Each grant will have its own specific eligibility requirements. However, generally, LEAs receiving Cycle 1 awards are not prohibited from a LASO 3.0 application.
Category	Eligibility

Provides frequently asked questions from LASO Cycle 2, updated for current LASO Cycle 3 Available on LASO 3 website now

Eligibility and Prioritization

ligibility and Prioritization for LASO 3 Guidance



Eligibility and Prioritization Guidance-Criteria used in awarding

Strong Foundation Planning (SFP)

Purpose: Provides technical assistance to develop a strong instructional framework in math or literacy based in the research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) to guide teaching and learning in the LEA.

Eligibility	Prioritization
All grade levels: District-wide K-12 support	1 Low STAAR Scores
Implementing approved core product -new content	2 Board of Managers (BOM) district
	3 Rural District
	4 Economically Disadvantaged

Purpose: Prov resource (OEF

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Eligibility

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6-8 a		Strong Foundation Implementation (S
nentin		SFI School Improvement (SI) PLC Supp
		Instructional Leadership (IL)

Strong Foundation Planning (SFP) · Strong Foundation Implementation (SFI)

- Technology Lending Grant (TLG) Advanced Placement (AP) Computer
 - Science Principles (CSP)
 - Early College High School (ECHS) · Pathways in Technology Early College High
- School (P-TECH)

Economically Disadvantaged

- · Strong Foundation Planning (SFP) Strong Foundation Implementation (SFI)
- Technology Lending Grant (TLG)
- Blended Learning Grant (BLG) Grades K-5 Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Grades 6-8 a Principles (CSP) Implementin
 - · Additional Days School Year (ADSY Summer School Action Fund (SAF)
 - Early College High School (ECHS)

- District Size · Technology Lending Grant (TLG)
- · Early College High School (ECHS) Pathways in Technology Early College High
- School (P-TECH)

Provides detailed information about the grant Available on LASO 3 website on October 14th



State-Approved Provider List (SAPL)

- State Approved Provider list (SAPL) will showcase approved providers supporting LASO Grants
- SAPL will be published on LASO website on October 14, 2024

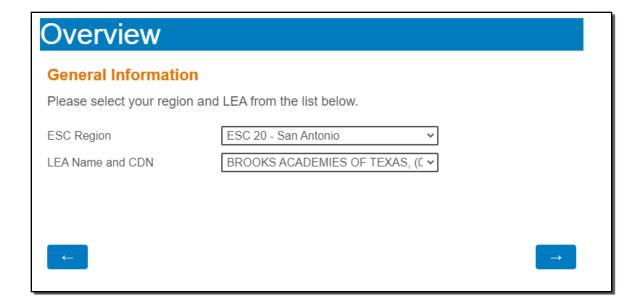




Overview of Application Process



- Please select the ESC region for your LEA.
- LEA names will auto-populate based on the region selected.



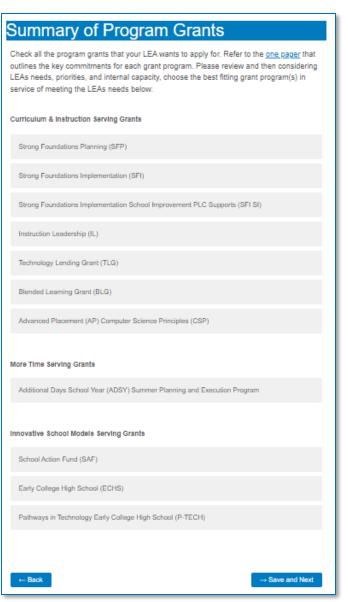


- We recognize that multiple people at the LEA will be completing different parts of the application.
- Please enter one primary contact.
 This is the contact that we will reach out to for any follow ups or regarding your LASO grant.
- Please enter in the Superintendent's contact information that matches the last page of the application.

LEA Contact Information 1. Enter the Name, Title, and Email of the LEA employee, who is completing this application on behalf of the LEA. (Note- we recognize that there may be multiple roles at the LEA completing different sections of this application. Please provide one primary contact to enter).		
LEA Employee Name LEA Employee Title LEA Employee Email		
Superintendent Contact Information		
 Enter the name, Title, and Email of the Superintendent for the LEA you are completing this application on behalf of. 		
Your Superintendent Name Your Superintendent Email		

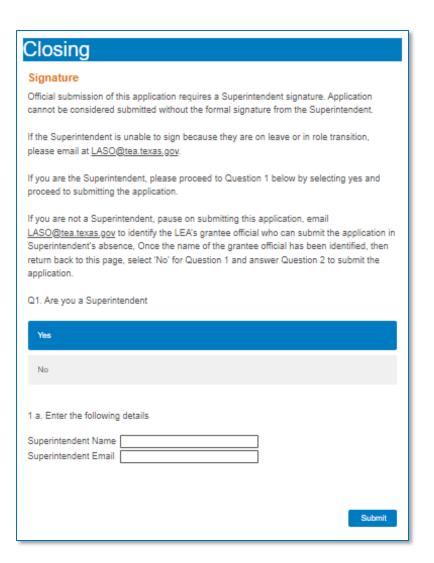


- LEAs can choose multiple grants to apply for.
- We recommend that the LEAs review the key program requirements and assurances outlined in the <u>LASO one-pager</u> and program guidelines.
- We recommend that you consider your LEAs needs, priorities, and internal capacity, apply to the best fitting grant program(s) in service of meeting your LEAs needs.



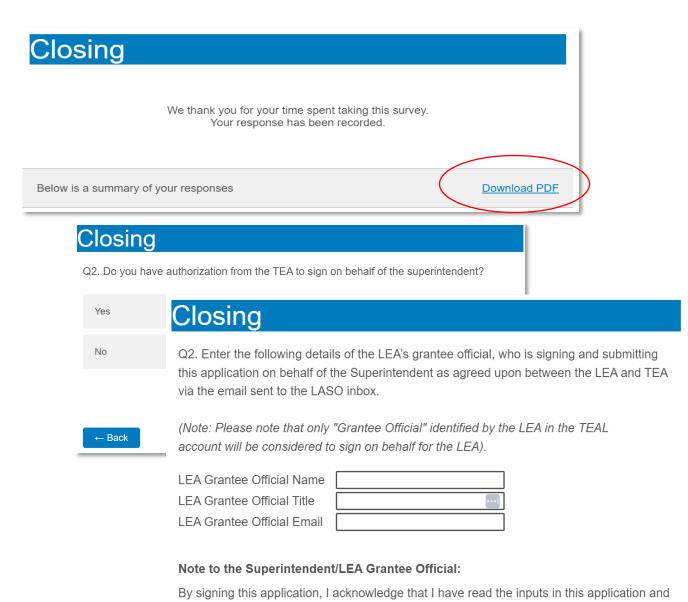


- Official submission of this application requires superintendent's signature.
- If the Superintendent is unable to sign due to extenuating circumstances, please email <u>LASO@tea.texas.gov</u>
- Acceptance of an application without a superintendent's signature will be at the sole discretion of TEA.





- PDF copy of application available after submission
- The last signed submission for the LEA is accepted as the official application
- If the Superintendent is unable to sign due to extenuating circumstances, please email LASO@tea.texas.gov
 - After receiving confirmation from LASO, enter in the contact information of the authorized person signing and submitting the application
 - You must sign the application, as the Grantee Official (as noted in TEAL).



confirm all the responses included in this application.

TEA

LEAs must submit LASO Cycle 3 applications by December 13 at 5:00pm CST



TEA will email unique application links to LEA superintendents on October 14 (if needed, LEAs can complete a Request for Application Link Form, found on the LASO Cycle 3 website to receive a new link)



PDF of the application will be posted on the LASO Cycle 3 website; however, LEAs must submit the application through Qualtrics using the unique application link sent via email to Superintendents.



Applications must be signed by the superintendent to be accepted



Next Steps



Change Requests and Declines in LASO

- Past grants that your district may have participated in has different processes for change requests and declines
 - For example, TCLAS's funding source functioned differently than the LASO funding source for grants
 - In TCLAS change requests and decline options were provided to LEAs
- LASO has an informal discretionary competitive grant process
 - Declines and change requests are not advisable in typical competitive process
 - If declines are requested, they will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the LEAs and could raise the LEA's federal grant risk level in the coming year



TEA LASO application window opens on October 14, 2024 and closes on December 13, 2024 at 5:00 CT



Application Window

October 14- December 13



General Webinars

October 1, 3

Program Webinars

October 17-25



Next Steps

Visit the LASO 3 website to familiarize with included grant offerings.

Communicate and share the information with LEA internal teams to support the decisionmaking process on which sets of grants to apply for.

Register for our upcoming informational webinars.



Resources Available

- Best Fit Guidance provides criteria to help determine if a grant fits LEAs needs.
- Grant One Pagers provide preliminary grant eligibility and key commitments.
- FAQs from LASO Cycle 2 provides clarification on most frequently asked questions.
- Eligibility and Prioritization guidance doc provides clarity on likelihood of being awarded



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