

September 14, 2018

**TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:**

**SUBJECT: Competitive Grant Opportunities for  
Recruiting and Preparing Teachers and Principals**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce the opening of grant opportunities for the 2019–2021 *Grow Your Own*, Cycle 2 and 2019–2020 *Principal Preparation*, Cycle 2 grant programs.

The 2019–2021 *Grow Your Own*, Cycle 2 grant can be used by districts to encourage high school students to consider teaching as a career and paraprofessionals and/or teacher aides to pursue certification. The grants can also be used by educator preparation programs to support student teachers during their year-long clinical teaching or teaching candidates during their intensive pre-service training.

The 2019–2020 *Principal Preparation*, Cycle 2 grant can be used by districts to cover preparation/certification costs and implement a full-time, year-long residency for their aspiring principals. Both grants are in support of the Agency's Strategic Priority to recruit, support, and retain teachers and principals.

Detailed information on these grant applications, and other upcoming grant competitions, is available in the TEA Competitive Grant Year in Advance Calendar on the [TEA Grant Opportunities Page](#).

To learn more about these grant opportunities, recorded webinars will be posted for both grants on Monday, October 1, 2018 on the [TEA Grant Opportunities Page](#).

Applications must be received by TEA by 5 p.m. (Central Time), November 13, 2018, to be considered for funding. We encourage all eligible applicants to consider applying.

Any further questions about the grant guidelines should be emailed to Sheel Jagani ([GYOgrant@tea.texas.gov](mailto:GYOgrant@tea.texas.gov)) for the 2019–2021 *Grow Your Own*, Cycle 2 grant program and Brenda Garcia ([brenda.garcia@tea.texas.gov](mailto:brenda.garcia@tea.texas.gov)) for the 2019–2020 *Principal Preparation*, Cycle 2 grant program by October 5, 2018. Questions that are submitted will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions publication for both grant programs by October 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner of Educator Support