



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>September 1, 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Competitive LOI Opportunity: National Board Candidacy Cohort Grant</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Local Educational Agency Grants</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Apply for National Board Candidacy Cohort Grant on TEA Grant Opportunities page</b>

The National Board Candidacy Cohort Grant for school year 2023-24 is now available on the [TEA Grant Opportunities page](#). This grant provides local educational agencies (LEAs) and education service centers (ESCs) with the opportunity to plan and implement a cohort support model for teachers pursuing National Board Certification.

The intent of this program is to increase teacher effectiveness and retention through the National Board certification process. The grant supports district efforts to increase the number of teachers with recognized designations through the Teacher Incentive Allotment.

Grantees will implement a rigorous recruitment and selection process to identify a diverse group of highly effective teachers that are committed to pursuing National Board certification. Grantees will design a National Board Candidacy Cohort model and may use grant funds to partner with an external entity to execute their model. Through the cohort model, teacher candidates will receive support through a series of at least eight cohort meetings and 1:1 National Board-focused mentoring. Cohort facilitators and mentors must have been previously certified by the National Board Certification.

**Funding:** It is anticipated that approximately 18 grants will be awarded, ranging in amounts from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Awarded applicants may spend funds on external partnerships, mentoring for National Board candidates, limited travel, and substitute coverage for candidates. Funds may be spent beginning December 8, 2022, until August 31, 2024.

### Application Timeline:

Date	Event
September 1, 2022	LOI available
September 8, 2022	Last date to submit questions to be addressed in the Applicant's Conference/Webinar
September 19, 2022	Applicant's Conference/Webinar posted to the TEA Grant Opportunities page
September 23, 2022	Last date to submit FAQs to TEA contact person
October 3, 2022	FAQs posted to TEA Grant Opportunities page
October 31, 2022	Due date for the LOI application

Please reach out to [tl@tea.texas.gov](mailto:tl@tea.texas.gov) with questions about the National Board Candidacy Cohort application by September 16, 2022. All questions received will be answered through a separate frequently asked questions document.