



**2025-2026 TIA Renewal and Continuous Improvement Grant  
Informal Discretionary Competition (IDC) Due 11:59 p.m. CT, December 4, 2024**

NOGA ID

Authorizing legislation **Authorized by ESEA of 1965 as amended by P.L. 114-95, ESSA, Title II, Part A, Sec. 2101(c)(B)(v)(II)**

This IDC application must be submitted via email to **competitivegrants@tea.texas.gov**.

The IDC 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, December 4, 2024**.

Application stamp-in date and time

Grant period from **January 17, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

Pre-award costs are not permitted for this grant program.

**Required Attachments**

- 1. Excel workbook with the grant's budget schedules (linked along with this form on the TEA Grants Opportunities page)

**Amendment Number**

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

**Applicant Information**

Organization  CDN  Campus  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 IDC application, as applicable, and that these documents are incorporated by reference as part of the IDC application and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA):

- IDC 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 program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this LOI will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
- 2. 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.
- 3. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program requirements as noted in the 2025-2026 TIA Renewal and Continuous Improvement Grant Program Guidelines.
- 4. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2025-2026 TIA Renewal and Continuous Improvement Grant Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- 5. The applicant provides assurance that they accept and will comply with [Every Student Succeeds Act Provisions and Assurances](#) requirements.
- 6. The applicant assures that any Electronic Information Resources (EIR) produced as part of this agreement will comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements as specified in 1 TAC 206, 1 TAC Chapter 213, Federal Section 508 standards, and the WCAG 2.0 AA Accessibility Guidelines.
- 7. The LEA assures that it will remain in compliance with all requirements related to the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA).
- 8. The LEA assures that this IDC application has the support of the superintendent and other relevant senior LEA officials.
- 9. The LEA assures that they will make every effort to publish materials and make them publicly available for stakeholders.
- 10. The LEA assures that it will make every effort to contract with an approved Technical Assistance Provider by April 1, 2025 that will be able to meet the scope of work and deliverable(s) timeline outlined in this grant.
- 11. The LEA assures that the primary point of contact will remain aware of this work and involved in matters related to implementation of the TIA local designation system. Additionally, the LEA assures that the primary point of contact will address any requested updates, requested meetings or communications, on progress related to this grant.

**Summary of Program**

Outline activities and strategies that will be implemented to meet the goals of the grant. Describe any identified barriers to expanding eligible teaching assignments in the approved local designation system, and how the district will address those barriers through the scope of work with the Technical Assistance Provider (TAP).

**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**

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**Goals, Objectives, and Strategies**

How will the LEA establish and document clear district-level goals, with measurable outcomes, which align to at least one key area of the TIA system renewal process including, but not limited to: 1. Teacher Observation Systems & Practices (i.e. Inter-rater Reliability); 2. Student Growth Measure Expansion (i.e. Portfolios, SLOs, or Assessment Systems); 3. Change Management & Systems Implementation (i.e. Data Systems or Compensation Planning).

**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.

**Performance and Evaluation Measures (Cont'd)**

**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.

**TEA Program Requirements**

**1. Scope of Work:** Describe the scope of work the LEA will develop that aligns with the goals (in section 1a of Goals, Objectives, and Strategies) that defines major tasks, subtasks, activities, and/or deliverables for the chosen Technical Assistance Provider.

**2. Stakeholder Engagement:** Define the process for reporting progress and outcomes to stakeholders related to the continuous improvement of the local designation system through implementation and capacity-building partnership with the Technical Assistance Provider.

**Equitable Access and Participation**

Check the appropriate box below to indicate whether any barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups that receive services funded by this program.

- The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups receiving services funded by this program.
- Barriers exist to equitable access and participation for the following groups receiving services funded by this grant, as described below.

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**PNP Equitable Services**

Are any private nonprofit schools located within the applicant's boundaries?

- Yes  No

*If you answered "No" to the preceding question, stop here. You have completed the section. Proceed to the next page.*

Are any private nonprofit schools participating in the program?

- Yes  No

*If you answered "No" to the preceding question, stop here. You have completed the section. Proceed to the next page.*

**5A: Assurances**

- The LEA assures that it discussed all consultation requirements as listed in Section 1117(b)(1) and/or Section 8501(c)(1), as applicable, with all eligible private nonprofit schools located within the LEA's boundaries.
- The LEA assures the appropriate Affirmations of Consultation will be provided to TEA's PNP Ombudsman in the manner and time requested.

**5B: Equitable Services Calculation**

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| 1. LEA's student enrollment   | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Enrollment of all participating private schools  | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. Total enrollment of LEA and all participating PNPs (line 1 plus line 2)                      | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Total current-year program allocation  | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. LEA reservation for direct administrative costs, not to exceed the program's defined limit   | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Total LEA amount for provision of ESSA PNP equitable services (line 4 minus line 5)          | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. Per-pupil LEA amount for provision of ESSA PNP equitable services (line 6 divided by line 3) | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>LEA's total required ESSA PNP equitable services reservation (line 7 times line 2)</b>       | <input type="text"/> |

**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**



