

Welcome

Welcome to the Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) 24-25 Cycle 3 Grant Application.

Introduction

Objective | The application aims to provide LEAs a platform for applying to multiple grant opportunities through a single submission.

LEAs should:

Step 1: Review the program guidelines below that provide grant details such as eligibility, commitments, assurances, and additional key details.

Step 2: Identify and select grants in service of meeting the LEA's needs.

Step 3: Complete the application for only the grant program(s) that the LEA has selected.

Context | This application features the following 11 unique opportunities. Please click on each opportunity below to learn more about the program's eligibility requirements.

Curriculum & Instruction Serving Grants

[Strong Foundations Planning \(SFP\)](#)

[Strong Foundations Implementation \(SFI\)](#)

[Strong Foundations Implementation School Improvement PLC Supports \(SFI SI PLC\)](#)

[Instructional Leadership \(IL\)](#)

[Technology Lending Grant \(TLG\)](#)

[Blended Learning Grant \(BLG\)](#)

[Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles \(APCSP\)](#)

More Time Serving Grants

[Additional Days School Year \(ADSY\) Summer Planning and Execution Program](#)

Innovative School Models Serving Grants

[School Action Fund \(SAF\)](#)

[Early College High School \(ECHS\)](#)

[Pathways in Technology Early College High School \(P-TECH\)](#)

Directions

NOTE | Below are some key considerations:

1. Only one application can be submitted per LEA and only LEA's can apply.
2. Application will need to be signed by the LEA's Superintendent to be considered formally submitted.
3. Application will be opened on October 14,2024 and closes on December 13, 2024, at 5:00 PM CST
4. In the rare instances that the Superintendent is not available to sign and submit the application by December 13, 2024, at 5:00 PM CST, please email LASO@texas.tea.gov.

Overview

General Information

1. Please select the ESC region that serves your LEA (Refer to this [ESC Reference](#) to identify the ESC serving your LEA).

ESC Region	<input type="text" value="18"/>
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LEA Name and CDN	<input type="text" value="Pathway Academy 114801"/>
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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	<input type="text" value="Dr. Thaddeus McCalister"/>
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LEA Employee Title	<input type="text" value="Superintendent"/>
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LEA Employee Email	<input type="text" value="tmccalister@pathwayhc.org"/>
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Superintendent Contact Information

1. Enter the superintendent's name and email for the LEA on whose behalf you're completing this application.

Your Superintendent Name

Dr. Thaddeus McCalister

Your Superintendent Email

tmccalister@pathwayhc.org

Assurance Agreement

Overall LASO Cycle Assurances

To apply for LASO Cycle grants, LEAs must commit to the Program Specific Assurances and Overall Assurances listed below:

- The LEA understands that, if the assurances and commitments are not met by the LEA or the LEA disengages with the supports/initiatives provided, TEA may place special conditions on the award such as terminating the LEA's participation in the grant program or reducing the LEA's awarded grant.
- The LEA Superintendent approves participation in all supports the LEA has applied for in this application.
- The LEA Chief Academic Officer (or equivalent leader) approves participation in all supports the LEA has applied for in this application.

1. Does your LEA commit to all these assurances?

Yes

No

Warning

In order to be considered for the grant, the LEA must agree to meet all the assurance requirements. If your LEA is still interested in applying for the grants, please click **← Back Button** and return to previous question to select **YES** to committing to the assurances. If your LEA does not wish to commit to the assurances, then click **→ Save and Next Button** below and you will be redirected to the last page and the application will be terminated.

Summary of Program Grants

Check all the program grants that your LEA wants to apply for. Refer to the [one pager](#) that outlines the key commitments for each grant program. Please review and then considering LEAs needs, priorities, and internal capacity, choose the best fitting grant program(s) in service of meeting the LEAs needs below:

Curriculum & Instruction Serving Grants

Strong Foundations Planning (SFP)

- Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI)
- Strong Foundations Implementation School Improvement PLC Supports (SFI SI PLC)
- Instructional Leadership (IL)
- Technology Lending Grant (TLG)
- Blended Learning Grant (BLG)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles (CSP)

More Time Serving Grants

Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Summer Planning and Execution Program

Innovative School Models Serving Grants

School Action Fund (SAF)

- Early College High School (ECHS)
- Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

Warning

In order to be considered for the SFI School Improvement PLC Supports grant, the LEA must apply for the Strong Foundations Implementation grant, including agreeing to all assurances. By not applying to Strong Foundations Implementation, the LEA is opting out of applying for this grant. If the LEA still wishes to apply for this grant, please click the ←

Back Button and go back to apply for the Strong Foundations Implementation grant. Otherwise, unselect the SFI School Improvement PLC Supports Grant selection.

D1 Strong Foundations Planning (SFP)

Program Description:

This opportunity describes Strong Foundations Planning Grant: This grant provides direct grant funds to LEAs for technical assistance to develop a strong instructional framework in math or literacy based on the research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) to guide teaching and learning in the LEA.

[Read the detailed Program Description.](#)

Eligibility:

1. Do you agree to meet the [General and Fiscal Guidelines](#)?

Yes

No

2. Did the LEA previously participate in the Strong Foundations Framework Development Grant in SY2022-23 and/or the Strong Foundations Planning Grant in SY2023-24 and/or SY2024-25 for **Literacy**?

(Note: LEAs are NOT eligible to apply for the same content area awarded in previous grant cycles)

Yes

No

3. Did the LEA previously participate in the Strong Foundations Framework Development Grant in SY2022-23 and/or the Strong Foundations Planning Grant in SY2023-24 and/or SY2024-25 for **Math**?

(Note: LEAs are NOT eligible to apply for the same content area awarded in previous grant cycles)

Yes

No

Warning

To be considered for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, the LEA must agree to the General and Fiscal Guidelines and confirm the LEA has not participated in prior grant cycles for both content areas. Selecting NO to the guidelines and/or YES to prior participation in both content areas will disqualify the LEA from this grant. To continue applying for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, click the ← Back Button to revise your selections. If the LEA does not want to apply for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, then click the → Save and Next Button and you will be redirected to apply for the remaining grants that you have selected.

Program Assurances:

Review the following program-specific assurances and check each box to verify your commitment to meet all assurances.

1. Does the LEA agree to contract with an Approved Provider from the LASO Cycle 3 Approved Provider List for Strong Foundations Planning?

Yes

No

2. Does the LEA agree to submit Approved Provider contracts and required funding summary reports to TEA?

Yes

No

3. Does the LEA agree to appoint a LEA lead as the primary point of contact for all grant-

related activities and designate at least one additional point of contact?

Yes

No

4. Does the LEA agree to form a leadership team that includes representation from key leaders in the LEA?

Yes

No

5. Does the LEA agree to form a stakeholder committee that includes representation from key stakeholders in the LEA (e.g., board members, district leaders, school leaders/campus administrators, curriculum specialists, instructional coaches, teachers, families/caregivers, community members), including representation from general education, special education, and emergent bilingual stakeholders?

Yes

No

6. Does the LEA agree to ensure all members of the leadership team and stakeholder committee complete the required research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) collective learning series?

Yes

No

7. Does the LEA agree to ensure the Superintendent and/or Chief Academic Officer (or equivalent leader) participate in required trainings and monthly communities of practice?

Yes

No

8. Does the LEA agree to submit all required grant deliverables (e.g., roadmap, instructional framework, instructional framework rollout plan)?

Yes

No

9. Does the LEA agree to ensure approval by the Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer (or equivalent leader) of the instructional framework and instructional framework rollout plan?

Yes

No

10. Does the LEA agree to submit all required data and also to the leadership team and/or stakeholder committee participating in focus groups upon TEA request?

Yes

No

11. Does the LEA agree to maintain current contact information in AskTED to ensure timely communication?

Yes

No

12. Does the LEA acknowledge the LEA should draw down approximately 25% of the grant amount quarterly to remain on-track for grant expenditures?

Yes

No

Warning

To be considered for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, the LEA must agree to meet all program-specific assurances. By selecting **NO** to any of the assurances, the LEA is opting out of the Strong Foundations Planning grant. If the LEA still wishes to apply for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, click the **← Back Button** and go back to select **YES** for each of the program assurances. If the LEA does not want to apply for the Strong Foundations Planning grant, then click the **→ Save and Next Button** and you will be redirected to apply for the remaining grants that you have selected.

SFP Program Specific Questions

1. Which Strong Foundations Planning content area is the LEA applying for?

(Note: LEAs are NOT eligible to apply for the same content area awarded in previous grant cycles. LEAs may only apply for 1 content area.)

Literacy

Math

Warning

LEAs are NOT eligible to apply for the same content area awarded in previous grant cycles. Click the **← Back Button** to revise your selections.

D2 Strong Foundations Implementations **Not applying**

Program Description:

Strong Foundations Implementation provides direct grant funds to LEAs for technical assistance to support high-fidelity implementation of the Texas open education resource (OER) instructional materials, including high-quality professional learning (HQPL) for teachers, instructional coaches, school leaders/campus administrators, and district leaders on effectively implementing OER.

[Read the detailed Program Description.](#)

Blueprint (4.7, 5.3, and 5.4) when answering this question (.pdf). Please name your document" <Campus Name> Academic Support"

14. After completing a successful second year of serving as a LASO 3.0 P-TECH campus, the campus leader and school counselor are promoted to other positions outside of your district, and the district P-TECH program budget is reduced. In 300 words or less, please describe the sustainability measures implemented at your campus beforehand to address and mitigate the challenges of leadership changes, staff turnover, and potential future funding fluctuations (.pdf). Please name your document"<Campus Name> Sustainability Plan"

Signature

Signature

Official submission of this application requires a Superintendent signature. Application cannot be considered submitted without the formal signature from the Superintendent.

If the Superintendent is unable to sign because they are on leave or in role transition, please email at LASO@tea.texas.gov.

If you are the Superintendent, please proceed to Question 1 below by selecting yes and proceed to submitting the application.

If you are not a Superintendent, pause on submitting this application, email LASO@tea.texas.gov to identify the LEA's grantee official who can submit the application in Superintendent's absence, Once the name of the grantee official has been identified, then return back to this page, select 'No' for Question 1 and answer Question 2 to submit the application.

Q1. Are you a Superintendent

Yes No

1 a. Enter the following details

Superintendent Name Dr. Thaddeus McCalister

Superintendent Email tmccalister@pathwayhc.org

Q2. Do you have authorization from the TEA to sign on behalf of the superintendent?

 Yes No

Warning

If you have not obtained the authorization from TEA to sign this Grant(s) application, please click the Back Button and then close the application. (you can come back to the application once you have obtained email authorization).

Q2. Enter the following details of the LEA's grantee official, who is signing and submitting this application on behalf of the Superintendent as agreed upon between the LEA and TEA via the email sent to the LASO inbox.

(Note: Please note that only "Grantee Official" identified by the LEA in the TEAL account will be considered to sign on behalf for the LEA).

LEA Grantee Official Name

LEA Grantee Official Title

LEA Grantee Official Email

Note to the Superintendent/LEA Grantee Official:

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read the inputs in this application and confirm all the responses included in this application.

SIGN HERE

Dr. Thaddeus R. McCalister

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Note: Only last submitted application will be accepted as the Final LASO 3 application.

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