**FAQs about the Special Education Grant Opportunities**

**General Questions**

Q: Can an institute of higher learning (IHE) or Education Service Center (ESC) submit a proposal for more than one grant?

**A: Yes. An IHE or ESC may apply to any or all of the 12 grants posted.**

Q: Can a Local Education Agency (LEA) apply for the grants?

**A: No. Only ESCs and IHEs may apply for the grants.**

Q: Will multiple proposals be funded for each grant?

**A: No. There will only be one funded proposal for each grant. However, the proposal may include several IHEs and/or ESCs that are working together.**

**TEA encourages IHEs and ESCs to form partnerships and collaborations. However, it is TEA’s hope that multiple letters of interest will be submitted for each grant. This provides the best opportunity for one of these proposals to meet minimum expectations for funding.**

**Network Specific Questions**

***Supports for Students Served in Small and Rural Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Grant***

Q: For the "Grow Your Own" Program, does it have to be that that teachers go back to school to get certified in Special Education?

**A: Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative solutions to address staffing shortages, including programs like additional certifications in support of students with disabilities. Applicants are also encouraged to demonstrate willingness and ability to connect with other proposed networks and TEA initiatives to avoid duplication of effort while providing support in areas of need.**