

Grant Funding Available

November 6, 2015

TO THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Request for Application # 188-00-16
2015-2016 Title III, Part A—ELA: Formula Grants for Unaccompanied Children and Youth

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is requesting applications under request for application (RFA) # 188-00-16, 2015-2016 Title III, Part A—ELA: Formula Grants for Unaccompanied Children and Youth. This grant opportunity is available for local educational agencies (LEAs) that experienced a significant increase in the number or percentage of immigrant children and youth enrolled in their schools during the calendar year 2014 compared to the average of the two preceding years.

Eligible Applicants

Refer to the 2015-2016 Title III ELA: Formula Grants for Unaccompanied Children and Youth eligibility list that is posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page.

Purpose of Program

The purpose of the program is to provide additional funding to LEAs to assist them in meeting the needs of immigrant and unaccompanied children and youth.

Project Funding

Approximately \$2,113,393 is available for funding the 2015-2016 Title III, Part A—ELA: Formula Grants for Unaccompanied Children and Youth.

Use of Funds

Under Title III, Part A, Section 3115 (e) (1) (A-G), an eligible entity receiving funds under section 3314 (d)(1) shall use the funds to pay for activities that provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth, which may include—

1. Family literacy, parent outreach, and training activities designed to assist parents to become active participants in the education of their children.
2. Support for personnel, including teacher aides who have been specifically trained or are being trained to provide services to Immigrant children and youth.
3. Provision of tutorials, mentoring, and academic or career counseling for Immigrant children and youth.
4. Identification and acquisition of curricular materials, educational software, and technologies to be used in the program carried out with the funds.
5. Basic instruction services that are directly attributable to the presence in the school district involved of Immigrant children and youth, including the payment of costs of providing additional classroom supplies, costs of transportation, or such other costs as are directly attributable to such additional basic instruction services.
6. Other instruction services designed to assist Immigrant children and youth to achieve in elementary and secondary schools in the United States, such as programs of introduction to the educational system and civics education.
7. Activities coordinated with community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, private sector entities, or other entities with expertise in working with Immigrants, to assist parents of Immigrant children and youth by offering comprehensive community services.

Project Period

The 2015-2016 Title III, Part A—ELA: Formula Grants for Unaccompanied Children and Youth Grant will be implemented during the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants should plan for a starting date of no earlier than December 21, 2015 and an ending date of September 30, 2016.

How to Apply

This Request for Applications (RFA) is in paper format. It must be downloaded, completed on the applicant's computer desktop, printed, and submitted by mail or hand delivery. The complete RFA is posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page for viewing and downloading. In the "Select Search Options" box, select the name of the RFA from the drop-down list. Scroll down to the "Application and Support Information" section to view all documents that pertain to this RFA.

Fingerprinting Requirement

Per Section 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code (TEC), any person offered employment by any entity that contracts with TEA or receives grant funds administered by TEA (i.e., a grantee or subgrantee) is subject to the fingerprinting requirement. TEA is prohibited from awarding grant funds to any entity, including nonprofit organizations, that fails to comply with this requirement. For details, refer to the General and Fiscal Guidelines, Fingerprinting Requirements.

Reporting Requirements

Applicants that are awarded grants are responsible for meeting all required deadlines. *Failure to meet deadlines may result in loss of funds and could cause the applicant to be identified as "high risk."*

The reporting requirements for this grant are posted on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) website. In the "Select Search Options" box, select the name of the RFA from the drop-down list. Scroll down to "Critical Events" to view all reporting deadlines that pertain to this grant.

Application Instructions

Refer to the instructions hyperlinked to each schedule (see the schedule titles) for information on how to complete each schedule in the application.

Submission Guidelines

Three copies of the application, with an original signature (in blue ink) on Schedule #1- General Information, must be received in the TEA Document Control Center by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, December 18, 2015. Send the application to the following address:

Document Control Center
Division of Grants Administration
Texas Education Agency, William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701-1494

Sincerely,

Monica Martinez

Associate Commissioner
Standards and Programs