

Continuation Grant Funding Available; Action Required

March 21, 2013

TO THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Texas Literacy Initiative (RFA #701-11-110)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to offer continuation funding for the Texas Literacy Initiative (TLI), Year 2, grant for the 2012-2013 school year. This is a continuation of the original agreement. It is subject to the requirements and assurances defined for the original grant. Grantees are required to maintain the scope of their projects as originally defined. Approval of the application is contingent upon the submission of the application in substantially approvable form, successful completion of prior year activities, and compliance with all conditions and requirements of the grant. **Only recipients of the Texas Literacy Initiative grant are eligible to apply for this continuation funding.**

Eligible Applicants

The following applicants are eligible to apply.

Eligible Applicant	Maximum Award Amount
Alice ISD	\$245,325.00
Arlington ISD	\$2,969,190.00
Austin ISD	\$2,644,945.00
Bartlett ISD	\$121,890.00
Bastrop ISD	\$267,695.00
Brooks County ISD / Ramirez CSD	\$158,560.00
Brownsville ISD	\$837,990.00
Chilton ISD	\$169,755.00
Como-Pickton CISD	\$137,135.00
Connally ISD	\$161,280.00
Edinburg CISD	\$2,766,735.00
El Paso ISD	\$3,950,965.00
Greenville ISD	\$232,120.00
La Marque ISD	\$186,135.00
La Vega ISD	\$245,005.00
Lubbock ISD	\$1,960,105.00
Manor ISD	\$278,805.00
McAllen ISD	\$251,395.00
Mercedes ISD	\$284,395.00

Eligible Applicant	Maximum Award Amount
Nixon-Smiley CISD	\$141,440.00
Odem-Edroy ISD	\$136,760.00
Pilot Point ISD	\$147,200.00
Raul Yzaguirre School for Success	\$182,255.00
San Antonio ISD	\$300,415.00
San Saba ISD	\$152,840.00
Sinton ISD	\$203,980.00
Taft ISD	\$145,040.00
Taylor ISD	\$158,130.00
Tenaha ISD	\$137,645.00
Tornillo ISD	\$165,720.00

New Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to or revised from requirements originally published for the original year 1 grant:

1. TLI Leadership Summit, February 11-12, 2013 (pre-award costs permitted)
2. TLI Summer Literacy Institute: July 9-11, 2013, Dallas or July 24-26, 2013, San Antonio
3. District TLI Literacy Leadership Position
4. TLI Data Reporting 2012-2013
5. Assessment Training
6. Additional Students/Campuses/Feeder-patterns added to existing Literacy Line(s)

Project Period

The effective grant period will begin June 1, 2013, and will end December 31, 2013. Pre-award costs will be permitted from January 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013.

Project Funding Approximately \$19,740,850.00 is available in federal funds for the TLI continuation grant. The continuation award amounts are listed in the preceding table.

Use of Funds

Project funds must be used to continue and fulfill the requirements of the program as described in the original year 1 grant, incorporated into the guidelines and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) by reference, with minor adjustments for program improvement and appropriate activities.

Please note that TEA reserves the right to reduce funding if budget projections are determined not to have been realistic based on actual participation and expenditure of grant funds during the original grant period. TEA also reserves the right to make any award contingent upon satisfactory progress toward program goals and performance measure targets.

Funding Contingencies

Funding for this program is contingent upon availability of state or federal appropriations.

TEA reserves the right not to award a continuation grant that was originally competitive to a grantee that is identified by TEA as high risk or not financially reliable between the time the application is submitted to TEA and the time the application is approved and the NOGA is awarded.

In addition, the awarding of continuation funding is contingent upon full compliance with all program requirements, including the timely and up-to-date submission of all progress reports, evaluation data, and fiscal information requested as outlined in the year 1 RFA.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

Public Law (P.L.) 107-110, Section 9521, states “a local educational agency may receive funds under a covered program for any fiscal year only if the State educational agency finds that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of such agency and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by such agency for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90% of such combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year”. As per OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement Maintenance of Effort (MOE), this requirement applies to this grant.

Local educational agencies (LEAs) are responsible for maintaining effort and for documenting MOE. TEA will verify each LEA’s MOE using information obtained from the PEIMS database. TEA staff will notify the applicant if fiscal effort has not been maintained. The final grant amount will be reduced in exact proportion by which the LEA fails to meet 90% of the combined fiscal effort per student or aggregate expenditures (using the measure more favorable to the LEA). [P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Section 9521.]

Reporting Requirements

LEAs 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 LEA to be identified as “high risk.”*

Reporting requirements are specified on the [TEA Grant Opportunities website](http://burlson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx) at <http://burlson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx> 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.

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 April 30, 2013. 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

Applications not received within seven business days of the due date may not be processed or awarded by TEA. A continuation application not received by the deadline date will become

effective on the start date of the grant or the date the application is received in the Document Control Center, whichever is later.

Contact Information

Contact Vicki Logan by email at Vicki.Logan@tea.state.tx.us or by telephone at (512) 463-8525 if you have additional questions about completing the application. Contact Kathy Stewart by email at TLI@tea.state.tx.us or by telephone at (512) 463-1969 with questions about appropriate program activities.

Sincerely,

Anita Givens
Associate Commissioner
Standards and Programs