

Frequently Asked Questions for ECHS

This document will provide frequently asked questions, to guide our partners in their decision-making process to determine which grants are the best fit, aligned to district goals and needs.

General Questions and Resources

Question: What are some of the typical expenditures in ECHS grant?

Answer: Please refer to page 13 of the ECHS Program Guidelines for information on general allowable costs and examples. You can access the guidelines here: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-3-program-guidelines-echs.pdf>

Question: Is this only for new ECHS applicants or can current ECHS apply as well?

Answer: This is for new ECHS applicants. All current ECHS planning, provisional or designated campuses are not eligible to apply.

- All recipients of previous ECHS Planning and Implementation Grants are not eligible to apply.
- All recipients of a previous LASO-ECHS Grant are not eligible to apply.

Please see Program Guidelines, page 9 for more information: <https://tea.texas.gov/media/393901>

Question: Is it possible for a ECHS to serve multiple high schools? For example, if a CTE Center serves multiple campuses, can an ECHS program be implemented on that campus to serve multiple high schools?

Answer: Yes, it is possible and potentially very challenging for an ECHS to serve multiple high schools.

Question: Are there any successful LEA and IHE ECHS partnerships that include Private IHE's'?

Answer: Yes, there are a few examples in the network of successful partnerships with private IHEs. Please note the vast majority of these partnerships are with public IHEs.

Question: How much of an obstacle is TSIA2 success on the growth of ECHS programs?

Answer: TSIA requirements are essential for the ECHS to achieve its goal of providing all dual credit opportunities to students. It is highly recommended to have a well-structured TSIA preparation program in place.

Question: Do the grant funds have to be used to pay Educate Texas?

Answer: No. These grant funds are not used toward the (free) technical assistance provided by Educate Texas to each ECHS.

Question: Can you clarify an application requirement? During this webinar, I believe it was stated that we have to show we have a working relationship with an IHE that will support our ECHS and serve as a partner, not an established one yet for the application process. But an attachment required to be submitted with the application is a signed and academic year dated MOU with an IHE. Can you explain the difference?

Answer: The LASO 3.0 ECHS application requirement is for the LEA to upload a letter of support from the IHE. There is no MOU requirement in the LASO application. Once an ECHS completes a planning year, a signed MOU is required prior to the first day of serving students.

Question: Do we have to separate building to houses this program.

Answer: For ECHS, each CDC will need to be connected to the program. The LEA can decide on the physical location that best suits its purpose and need.

General Webinar Question

Question 1: Does this include CTE grants?

Answer 1: Yes, we do have CTE grants like PTECH and ECHS included in LASO cycle 3