

Continuation Grant Funding Available; Action Required

April 11, 2013

TO THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Texas Literacy Initiative Professional Development and Technical Assistance Grant (SAS #800-13)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to offer continuation funding for the 2012-2013 Texas Literacy Initiative Professional Development and Technical Assistance grant for school year 2012–2013. 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 Professional Development and Technical Assistance grant identified in this letter are eligible to apply for this continuation funding.**

Eligible Applicants

The following applicants are eligible to apply.

Eligible Applicants	Maximum Award Amount
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UT Health)	\$865,839.00

Project Period

The project period is TEA stamp-in date through December 31, 2013. Pre-award costs are available from October 1, 2012 to stamp-in date.

Project Funding

A total of \$865,839.00 is available. Of that \$225,000.00 is from IDEA Part B funds and \$640,839 is from the Striving Reader Funds.

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 grant 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 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.

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."*

Reporting requirements are specified on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page. In the "Select Search Options" box, select the name of the RFA from the drop-down list. Scroll down to the "Critical Events" section to view all fiscal and program-related report information pertaining to this request for application (RFA).

How to Apply

Eligible applicants must access the application through the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page. 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.

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 May 17, 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 Christina Villarreal by email at Christina.Villarreal@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
Division of Standards and Programs