



**2021-2023 Title I, 1003 ESF-Focused Support Grant
Letter of Interest (LOI) Application Due 11:59 p.m. CT, April 21, 2021**

NOGA ID

Authorizing legislation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), P.L. 114-95, Section 1003, School Improvement

This LOI application must be submitted via email to loiapplications@tea.texas.gov.

The LOI application may be signed with a digital ID or it may be signed by hand. Both forms of signature are acceptable.

TEA must receive the application by **11:59 p.m. CT, April 21, 2021**.

Grant period from

June 3, 2021-August 31, 2023

Pre-award costs permitted from

Award Date

Required Attachments

1. Excel workbook with the grant's budget schedules (linked along with this form on the TEA Grants Opportunities page)
2. Pathway 1: Pathway 1 Supplemental Pathway Attachment
3. Pathway 2: Pathway 2 Supplemental Pathway Attachment

NOTE: All applicants MUST submit an appropriate Supplemental Pathway Attachment for EACH CAMPUS on behalf of which the applicant is applying.

Amendment Number

Amendment number (For amendments only; enter N/A when completing this form to apply for grant funds):

Applicant Information

Organization CDN Campus ESC DUNS

Address City ZIP Vendor ID

Primary Contact Email Phone

Secondary Contact Email Phone

Certification and Incorporation

I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by TEA or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

I further certify my acceptance of the requirements conveyed in the following portions of the LOI application, as applicable, and that these documents are incorporated by reference as part of the LOI application and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA):

- LOI application, guidelines, and instructions
- Debarment and Suspension Certification
- General and application-specific Provisions and Assurances
- Lobbying Certification

Authorized Official Name Title

Email Phone

Signature Date

Shared Services Arrangements

Shared services arrangements (SSAs) are NOT permitted for this grant.

Number of Campuses Included in this Application

Pathway 1	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Pathway 2	<input type="text" value="2"/>

Statutory/Program Assurances

The following assurances apply to this program. In order to meet the requirements of the program, the applicant must comply with these assurances.

Check each of the following boxes to indicate your compliance.

- 1. The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this LOI will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
- 2. The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.
- 3. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program requirements as noted in the 2021-2023 Title I, ESF-Focused Support Grant Program Guidelines.
- 4. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2021-2023 Title I, ESF-Focused Support Grant Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- 5. The applicant provides assurance that they accept and will comply with the requirements of [Every Student Succeeds Act Provisions and Assurances](#).
- 6. The applicant assures that any Electronic Information Resources (EIR) produced as part of this agreement will comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements as specified in 1 TAC 206, 1 TAC Chapter 213, Federal Section 508 standards, and the WCAG 2.0 AA Accessibility Guidelines.
- 7. Title I served Federally Identified campuses awarded this grant will engage in the Effective Schools Framework (ESF) continuous improvement process and create a plan to be submitted to TEA that addresses the selected pathway aligned to the Essential Actions (EA) from the ESF.
- 8. The applicant ensures it will notify the Vetted Improvement Program provider of intent to apply and, if awarded, will work in good faith with the Vetted Improvement Program.
- 9. For all pathways, the applicant will budget at least the minimum amount indicated in the Budget Object Code 6200 - Profession and Contracted Services.

Statutory/Program Assurances, cont'd.

- 10. The applicant will identify a campus leader, on each awarded campus, who will be responsible for managing the grant project.
- 11. The applicant will provide access to TEA and its Vetted Improvement Partners for on-site visits to the district and campus(es) as appropriate.
- 12. The applicant will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, and sharing of best practices through the TEA program office.
- 13. The applicant provides assurance it will participate in all grant requirements including but not limited to an ESF Self-Assessment, and ESF Diagnostic, developing a web-based improvement plan, submission of funding and pathway progress reports.

Summary of Program

1. Describe how the LEA will support campus(es) in carrying out school support and improvement activities, including how the LEA will develop a web-based improvement plan for the eligible campuses selected for this grant.

Through the assistance of the Region 12 Service Center, West ISD completed the ESF diagnostic process (self-assessment), the alignment of resources and supports work, and crafted a plan to help ensure all campuses meet the requirements of the 85th Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 22, establishing three domains for measuring the academic performance of districts and campuses: Student Achievement, School Progress, and Closing the Gaps. Per HB 22, all Texas districts and campuses receive a rating of A, B, C, D, or F for overall performance, as well as for performance in each domain. The West ISD ESF plan will assist the district and campus leadership teams and all staff in our goal of A ratings along with distinction designations which are awarded based on performance relative to a unique comparison group of campuses across the state. West ISD recognizes that there are three state performance cycles, 2020, 2021, and 2022, before the US Department of Education (USDE) adjusts the Closing the Gaps (Domain 3) domain targets. Texas districts expect Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath, to adjust the state performance targets as well. These new targets will likely go into effect for the state academic performance cycle 2023. With this news, West ISD has three school calendar years to achieve A ratings.

“ Vision 2020: Race to an A ” will enable West ISD to:

- Achieve A ratings for all campuses by the release of the state academic performance cycle in August 2023,
- Achieve an A rating for the district by the release of the state academic performance cycle in August 2023,
- Align all district and campus resources and supports in an effort to accomplish the ESF plan (Note: Each year, the District will self-reflect and recalibrate the plan as needed to reach the Vision 2020 goals.),
- Ensure all district and campus ESF planning components are data driven, and
- Provide a framework and map for all district stakeholders to follow and support beginning in January 2020 through the release of the state academic performance cycle in August 2023.

2. Describe how the LEA will monitor schools receiving the ESF-Focused Support Grant, including how the LEA will: (a) Monitor a web-based improvement plans upon submission and during implementation, and (b) Implement additional action following unsuccessful implementation of such plan after the first year of the grant cycle.

West ISD will monitor school through including the action plan and steps in the comprehensive needs assessment and campus improvement plan process. The action plan and steps will be reviewed at least quarterly in meetings with both campus based improvement teams and district based improvement teams. Through these reviews, additional action steps will be added as necessary to make sure the campuses stay on track to meet our targets in all demographic areas. All review teams will include teachers, paraprofessionals, campus administrators and district administrators. Reports will be given to the Board of Trustees quarterly following the reviews.

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, Performance and Evaluation

1. Describe how the LEA will modify, as appropriate, practices and policies to provide operational flexibility to the awarded campus, that enables full and effective implementation of the Effective Schools Framework Essential Actions aligned web-based Improvement Plan.

With the implementation of the ESF framework, the campuses will focus on the identified weaknesses and areas in need of improvement rather than other previous district goals. Staffing, instructional, and financial decisions made will be based on the needs identified and the actions needed to meet goals set to raise the areas identified to the goal set in the ESF process. West ISD began the ESF journey in 2020 by working with our local ESC 12 to help with the targeted areas identified through school accountability. The COVID pandemic got in the way of some of the action steps but the district has revised our timeline to match our current goals and make sure all of our targeted areas are addressed for all of our demographic areas.

Budget Narrative

1. Describe how the proposed budget will meet the needs and goals of the program, including for staffing, supplies and materials, contracts, travel, etc. If applicable, include a high-level snapshot of funds currently allocated to similar programs. Include a short narrative describing how adjustments will be made in the future to meet needs.

West Elementary School's area of need is in reading, particularly for economically disadvantaged male students. In order to help these students to grow significantly, the proposed budget would largely be used to add an intervention teacher. This teacher would use research-based materials that target the specific needs of these students. Fountas & Pinnell LLI reading system would be used by the intervention staff. At West Middle School, funds would be used mainly for support materials in both math and reading. Our current intervention teachers would implement the research-based programs purchased during regular school hours. The goal of this would be to accelerate the learning of the targeted demographic, economically disadvantaged males, in both reading and math.

Budget Narrative, cont'd.

2. Describe how the LEA will align other Federal, State, and local resources to carry out the activities supported with funds received under this grant.

With the ESF plan, the district is able to use multiple funding sources to move the action plan forward. Both of the targeted campuses are Title 1 campuses and all uses of that fund source go to improving the academic knowledge of our students. This directly aligns with the ESF plan action steps, which we also use local and state funds to support.

Equitable Access and Participation

Check the appropriate box below to indicate whether any barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups that receive services funded by this program.

- The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups receiving services funded by this program.
- Barriers exist to equitable access and participation for the following groups receiving services funded by this grant, as described below.

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Appendix I: Amendment Description and Purpose (leave this section blank when completing the initial application for funding)

An amendment must be submitted when the program plan or budget is altered for the reasons described in the "When to Amend the Application" document posted on the [Administering a Grant](#) page. The following are required to be submitted for an amendment: (1) Page 1 of the application with updated contact information and current authorized official's signature and date, (2) Appendix I with changes identified and described, (3) all updated sections of the application or budget affected by the changes identified below, and, if applicable, (4) Amended Budget Request. Amendment Instructions with more details can be found on the last tab of the budget template.

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Amended Section

Reason for Amendment