Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Winter 22-23 Grant

Overview of a consolidated grant application opportunity

Where we have been: Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports

As part of our statewide COVID recovery strategy, we have collectively focused on three key levers to support schools and accelerate learning:

Support teachers who are equipped to deliver excellence, getting more than 1 year of growth in 1 year

Rigorous **instructional materials** designed to make up ground, and designed to work remotely & on campus

More time for the students most in need, including in the summer and with targeted **tutoring**

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TCLAS was a consolidated grant application focused on those key learning acceleration strategies and enablers

Accelerated Learning Strategies

Strategic Planning	Instructional Materials	Teacher Pipelines	More Time	Innovative School Models
Strategic planning and performance **management** to prioritize, launch, and continuously improve learning acceleration strategies	Rigorous, **high-quality instructional materials** designed to make up ground and master grade level TEKS	**Talent pipelines that support teachers** to deliver excellence in the classroom, getting more than 1 year of growth in 1 year	**More time** for the students most in need, including expanding instructional time in the summer and with targeted **tutoring**	Innovative school models to incorporate all aspects of the learning acceleration framework

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Lessons Learned from TCLAS

LEAs reported that a consolidated grant application process was very useful.
But LEAs also reported some challenges with the process.

More time for decision-making and application completion

- Announce availability & details earlier
- Longer application window
- Time the application to coincide with LEA planning cycles

More support and communication to understand and implement opportunities

- General and program-specific webinars with details on grant expectations
- Office hours for application support
- Provide one-on-one support during application to ensure grants are a good fit for LEA
- One stop shop Master Calendar that encompasses all key grant related timelines

Process Improvements in two-step grant application for more user-friendly experience

- Add automated data fields to lower the burden on LEAs data input entries
- Explore ways to make it a one-step process (unifying program and finance applications)

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This winter, TEA will offer

Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO)

Based on lessons learned from TCLAS, TEA is attempting to continue offering streamlined, consolidated grant applications, focused on a few grant programs that can be bundled and that help accelerate academic gains

~$109M
in services and supports

7
TEA initiatives to support learning acceleration and innovation

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LEA program application to access funding

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Accelerated Learning Strategies in LASO

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LASO will provide 7 grant opportunities embedded in two learning acceleration strategies

Instructional Materials

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports
Ready to Implement in SY23-24
K-5 Math/RLA high quality instructional material planning and implementation support

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Tech Lending Grant
Ready to Implement in SY23-24
Blended learning products Math Innovation Zone RLA Amplify

Blended Learning Grant
Ready to Implement in SY23-24
Math/RLA licenses for blended learning products

Innovative School Models

P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School)
Ready to Implement in SY23-24

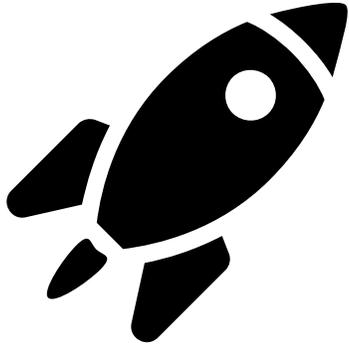**ECHS** (Early College High School)
Ready to Implement in SY23-24

SAF School Action Fund
Ready to plan in SY23-24

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Estimated LASO component grant funding opportunities

Grant Decision	Estimated Total Funding Available	Estimated Range of award	Estimated Number of Awards
Strong Foundations Implementation Supports	~60 Million	In-kind	75-175 LEAs (will vary based on size of LEAs)
Strong Foundations Planning Supports	~15 Million	~ Up to $400K	50-100 LEAs (will vary based on size of LEA)
Pathway in Technology Early College	~1 Million	~ Up to 100K	10 LEAs
Early College High School	~1 Million	~ Up to 100K	10 LEAs
School Action Fund	~9.5 Million	~ Up to 500K	30 campuses
Tech Lending Grant	~11 Million	~ Up to 225K	50-100 LEAs
Blended Learning Grant	~12 Million	~ Up to 500K	25- 50 LEAs

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LASO application window is estimated to be Nov. 7th - Dec. 22nd

Estimated Application Window
November 7, 2022- December 22, 2022

We recognize that this window runs up against the winter break in some cases. Our intent here is to provide as much time and a longer runaway to application completion as possible.

We intent to work with LEAs alongside ESCs to provide the supports needed to be set up for success to apply and complete the application

General Webinar
October 17th and 18th

The objective of the webinar is to share more information about application process and the included program opportunities

2 options:
- Oct 17 | 9:00-10:00am
- Oct 18 | 12:00-1:00pm

Program specific webinars will be hosted the week of Nov 14th

Next Step
- ❑ Register for the general webinar to learn more about the details and specifics of each grant opportunity
- ❑ Registration link can be found on the LASO website

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