

To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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| DATE: | December 9, 2021 |
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| SUBJECT: | Grant Opportunity for Strategic Compensation Fellowship |
| CATEGORY: | Teacher Incentive Allotment Grant Opportunity |
| NEXT STEPS: | Attend informational webinar and submit application by February 4, 2022 |

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce the opening of the grant opportunity for the Strategic Compensation Grant and Fellowship. Join us on December 15th at 9 am for a webinar that covers the goals, program, and performance measures for this exciting opportunity. Register here.

The Strategic Compensation Fellowship Grant provides local educational agencies (LEAs) and regional education service centers (ESCs) the opportunity to plan and implement salary-based strategic compensation systems, in alignment with funds received through the Teacher Incentive Allotment and supplemented with local funds. The purpose of this grant program is to provide the opportunity for planning and implementation for strategic compensation with the goal of rewarding, retaining, and recruiting the best teachers to serve the students who need the most support. Grantees will be LEAs or ESCs supporting LEAs that do not currently have a salary-based strategic compensation system in place.

| Date | Event |
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| December 2, | Letter of Intent (LOI) available |
| 2021 | |
| December 10, | Last date to submit questions to TEA contact person |
| 2021 | (matthew.holzgrafe@tea.texas.gov) to be addressed in the applicant's |
| | Conference/Webinar |
| December 15, | Strategic Planning Fellowship and Grant Webinar at 9 am – |
| 2021 | Registration Details |
| December 22, | Last date to submit FAQs to TEA contact person |
| 2021 | (matthew.holzgrafe@tea.texas.gov) |
| | See General and Fiscal Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions |
| December 22, | Last date to submit Notice of Intent to Apply at: |
| 2021 | https://tea.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2C5stpRyvzDgYS |
| December 28, | FAQs posted to TEA Grant Opportunities page |
| 2021 | |

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| February 4, | Due date for the LOI application, which must be submitted via email to |
| 2022 | loiapplications@tea.texas.gov. The LOI application must be received by |
| | the TEA by 11:59 p.m., Central Time. |
| | See General and Fiscal Guidelines, LOI Application Due Date and Time |
| February 7, | LOI review period |
| 2022- March 31, | See General and Fiscal Guidelines, LOI Review Process |
| 2022 | |
| March 9, 2022 – | Oral Interviews |
| March 23, 2022 | |
| April 15, 2022 | Anticipated award announcement |
| April 15, 2022 | Beginning date of grant (if selected for funding) |
| | See General and Fiscal Guidelines, Grant Period |
| March 31, 2023 | Final date to submit an amendment (if selected for funding) |
| June 30, 2023 | Ending date of grant (if selected for funding) |
| | See General and Fiscal Guidelines, Grant Period |

Additional detailed information about the grant application is available on the TEA Grant Opportunities Page. We encourage all eligible applicants to consider applying.

Any further questions about the Strategic Compensation Grant and Fellowship should be emailed to the Matthew Holzgrafe, Director of Teacher Compensation Strategy (<u>matthew.holzgrafe@tea.texas.gov</u>) by December 22, 2021, on the <u>TEA Grant Opportunities page.</u>