

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>February 1, 2024</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Grow Your Own High School Education &amp; Training Grant District Application</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Building Teacher Pipelines</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate staff</b>

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) Grow Your Own (GYO) program is launching a new grant cycle focused on supporting high school Education & Training Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming. Started in 2018, the purpose of the grant is for districts to intentionally build strong and stable teacher pipelines from within their own communities based on district-specific teacher workforce needs. This grant focuses on the recruitment of future educators by building interest in teaching among high school students, developing their foundational knowledge and skills of teaching, attracting highly skilled teachers to lead Education & Training programs, and implementing high-quality Education & Training courses.

On February 1, 2024, TEA will post the application on the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) website.

Date	Timeline Events
February 1, 2024	District application window opens
April 1, 2024	District applications due by 11:59 p.m. (CST)
May 24, 2024	Anticipated award announcement
June 1, 2024	Beginning date of grant (if selected for funding)

## Additional Information

- Districts that receive an award agree to meet program assurances which include, but are not limited to, establishing memorandums of understanding with stipend recipients, implementing required Education & Training courses, receiving Education & Training supports, and implementing the TEA Education & Training curriculum.
- If district interest and eligibility exceed the state funding amount, priority will be given based on need. Priority points will be assigned based on district enrollment size, letters of support, College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM), and previous GYO participation.
- The grant will provide approved districts with support to offer high-quality Education & Training courses and to establish and/or grow their Education & Training programs. The funds may be used on stipends for Education & Training teachers, field site teachers, and implementation costs, including participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations.
- Districts may begin applying on February 1, 2024, for school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

## Program Contact

Please reach out to [GYOgrant@tea.texas.gov](mailto:GYOgrant@tea.texas.gov) with questions about the GYO High School Education & Training grant district application by February 15, 2024. All questions received will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions document and posted to the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page on February 29, 2024.