



# To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>March 28, 2024</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant Cycle 2 Application</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>School Safety</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>LEAs should complete eGrants Application</b>

## Overview

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On May 31, 2023, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released the [adopted 19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter CC, Commissioner’s Rules Concerning School Facilities, §61.1031, School Safety Requirements](#), also known as the School Safety Standards, to provide a minimum safety standard for educational facilities throughout the state of Texas.

## SAFE Grant Cycle 2

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The 88th Texas Legislative Session appropriated \$1.1B to support school systems in meeting the adopted School Safety Standards. SAFE Grant Cycle 2 will award over \$275M from the overall legislative appropriation to local educational agencies (LEAs) through a formula grant process. LEAs will receive funding on a per pupil basis with a minimum grant allocation of \$150,000. Here you may find the [SAFE Cycle 2 - Grant Allocations](#).

The SAFE Cycle 2 funding is designed to help LEAs meet the required safety standards. If an LEA has already met the required safety standards, the funding may be used for other statutory school safety requirements and allowable expenses as outlined in Texas Education Code, §48.115. The grant application will open on March 28, 2024, in the TEA eGrants system. The application will remain open for 45 days and will close on May 13, 2024. **LEAs should update their Compliance Assessment data in the Intruder Detection Audit Dashboard to ensure access to the relevant allowable expenses.**

## SAFE Grant Cycle 2 – Office Hours

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To support LEAs through the Compliance Assessment and Cycle 2 grants process, TEA will be hosting a series of Office Hours sessions in March, April, and May. Please click the link below to register for an Office Hours session. **Note: attendance is optional.**

- [Register for April 10th](#)
- [Register for April 24th](#)
- [Register for May 8<sup>th</sup>](#)

## Additional Supports and Questions

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Please visit the [School Safety](#) page often to stay up to date on the most recent school safety guidance. As an additional support, the Superintendent Support: School Safety page has a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

If you have any questions, please email us at [safeschools@tea.texas.gov](mailto:safeschools@tea.texas.gov).