

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	September 30, 2021
SUBJECT:	Competitive LOI Opportunity: Teacher Leadership (District Practices
	Fellowship)
CATEGORY:	Local Education Agency Grants
NEXT STEPS:	Apply for Teacher Leadership Grant on TEA Grants Opportunities page

The Teacher Leadership Grant (District Practices Fellowship) for school year 2022-23 is now available on the <u>TEA Grants Opportunity page</u>. This grant provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with the opportunity to plan and implement a teacher fellowship focused on areas of need.

Description of Program: Participating LEAs, working with an approved partner, will develop and deliver teacher leadership training specific to the development and implementation of district practices and programs related to areas of LEA need. The teacher fellowship must focus on LEA-identified needs in at least one of four areas: human capital systems; support for student readiness to learn; high-quality instructional materials; and student access to high-quality instruction. Through this grant, teacher fellows will gather stakeholder input on the area(s) of focus, develop recommendations, and present those to senior LEA leadership, ultimately strengthening local programs and practices and leading to improved student outcomes.

Funding: It is anticipated that approximately 10 grants will be awarded, ranging in amounts from \$30,000 to \$90,000. Awarded applicants may spend funds on approved partnerships and additional teacher compensation, as outlined in the Program Guidelines.

Timeline:

Date	Event
Sep. 13, 2021	Letter of Interest (LOI) available
Oct. 5, 2021	Last date to submit questions to be addressed in the applicant webinar
Oct. 11, 2021	Applicant webinar posted to the TEA Grant Opportunities page
Oct. 20, 2021	Last date to submit questions to TEA to be answered through an FAQ
Nov. 2, 2021	FAQs posted to TEA Grant Opportunities page
Nov. 19, 2021	Due date for the LOI application
Jan. 27, 2022	Anticipated award announcement
Feb. 21, 2022	Beginning date of grant (if selected for funding)
Jul. 31, 2022	Ending date of grant (if selected for funding)

Please reach out to <u>tl@tea.texas.gov</u> with questions about the LOI by October 20, 2021. All questions received will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions document.