

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	October 9, 2025
SUBJECT:	LASO Cycle 4 Applications Open Through Dec. 3
CATEGORY:	Informational Update
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) is a **single, consolidated application that combines grants, allotments, and in-kind supports**, bundled around a few key strategies to accelerate academic gains.

LASO Cycle 4 Opportunities

Opportunities included in LASO Cycle 4 provide approximately \$500 million in supports and services in four key areas: Curriculum & Instruction, Education & Training, More Time, and Innovative School Models. The following 15 initiatives will be included:

Instructional Materials

- Leadership & Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT) LIFT merges programs formerly known as Strong Foundations- SF, Texas Instructional Leadership- TIL, and Texas Lesson Study-TXI S
- LIFT Add-on: School Improvement PLC Support Grant (LIFT SI PLC) Grant
- School Improvement Curriculum and Instruction Support Grant (SI CISG) Grant
- Blended Learning Grant (BLG)
- Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (APCSP) Grant

Education & Training

- PREP Program Allotment
 - o PREP Residency Preservice Program
 - o PREP Grow Your Own (GYO) Program
 - o PREP Mentor Program
- Texas Strategic Staffing for Residencies (TSS) Grant

More Time

Additional Days School Year Planning and Execution (ADSY PEP) Grants

Innovative School Models - Launch Grants

- School Action Fund (SAF) Grant
- Navigating Excellence through Targeted Supports (NEXT) Grant
- Early College High School (ECHS) Grant
- Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Grant
- Virtual Hybrid Program Accelerator (VHPA) Grant

Next Steps

- **Review & Discuss Offerings:** Explore the <u>LASO 4 webpage</u> and the resources linked below, and initiate conversations with your team to identify initiatives that best meet local needs.
 - LASO 4 Initiative One Pagers
 - LASO 4 Eligibility and Prioritization Matrix
 - LASO 4 Initiative Selection Tool
 - LASO 4 Role and Responsibilities Insight Tool
- **Register for Initiative Webinars:** Sign up for initiative-specific sessions (Oct 7–23) via links on the LASO 4 webpage.
- Apply: The application opened on October 3, 2025, and will close on December 3, 2025,
 5:00 p.m. CT
 - Superintendents would have received a unique link on October 3 to apply for LASO initiatives via email.
 - If the link has not been received, please visit the <u>LASO Cycle 4 webpage</u> to request a new link.