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| DATE: | September 28, 2023 |
| SUBJECT: | Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle II Grants- Application Opens October 23, 2023 |
| CATEGORY: | Informational Update |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with appropriate staff |

What is LASO Cycle II?

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle II is the next iteration of a consolidated grant application that strategically batches funding opportunities that support learning acceleration and innovation opportunities.

What are the Grant and Funding Opportunities Available in LASO Cycle II?

The LASO Cycle II anticipates offering approximately \$190,000,000 in funding supports, and services featuring 10 different program grant opportunities to apply for, via a single program application. Below are the details:

| Learning Acceleration Strategy | Grant Name | Estimated Funding | Grant Type | Estimated Range of Award | Estimated Awards |
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| Instructional Materials | Strong Foundations Planning (SFP) | \$20.8 Million | Direct Grant | \$140K to \$400K | 70-110 LEAs |
| | Strong Foundations Implementation (SFI) | \$111.2 Million | Direct Grant | \$25K to \$5M+ | 75-150 LEAs |
| | Technology Lending Grant (TLG) | \$5 Million | Direct Grant | Up to \$225K | 50-100 LEAs |
| | Blended Learning Grant (BLG) | \$5.49 Million | Direct Grant | Planning- \$110K-\$400K Strategic Operations- \$190K- \$500K | 10 LEAs 12 LEAs |
| | Math Supplemental Curriculum (MSC) | \$25 Million | In-Kind Supports | No Direct Funding (In-Kind only) | 250+ LEAs |
| | Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles (CSP) | \$1.2 Million | Direct Grant | Up to \$100K | Up to 30 LEAs |

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| Innovative School Models | Early College High School (ECHS) | \$1 Million | Direct Grant | Up to \$100K | 10 LEAs |
| | Pathways in Technology ECHS (P-Tech) | \$1 Million | Direct Grant | Up to \$100K | 10 LEAs |
| | School Action Fund (SAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including ADSY 210 Day School Year Redesign Cohort | \$7.9 Million- Direct \$2.6 Million- in Kind | Direct Grant In-Kind supports | \$185K-\$500K (per Campus) | 36 Campuses |
| More Time | ADSY Summer Learning Accelerator | \$9 Million | Direct Grant | Up to \$25K-\$400K | 25-35 LEAs |

Note: Grants and other details noted above may be subject to change

What are the Key Dates and Next Steps to Consider?

- The grant application opens on October 23, 2023, and closes December 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm CT.
- In the meantime, if your school system is interested in applying, you can utilize the following resources:
 - **Visit** the [LASO website](#) to familiarize yourself with preliminary grant information and start key strategic conversations with your internal teams.
 - **Communicate** and share the information with your internal teams to support decision making.
 - **Register** for our upcoming informational webinars. Two general webinars will take place on October 18th and 19th, while program specific webinars are scheduled between October 26th and November 3rd. Registration links will soon be available on the [LASO website](#).