

DATE:	October 7, 2021
SUBJECT:	TCLAS: High Quality Afterschool Application for Supports Now Open
CATEGORY:	Grant Application for Afterschool Program Supports
NEXT STEPS:	Share with instructional, afterschool and grant teams and consider applying

The application for [Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports \(TCLAS\): High Quality Afterschool Supports](#) is now open!

TCLAS is a set of funding, resources, and programmatic supports for local educational agencies (LEAs) to accelerate student learning in the wake of COVID-19, and this grant opportunity supports LEAs in designing and implementing high-quality afterschool programs aligned to this goal.

Through TCLAS, high-quality afterschool programs support LEAs in accelerating student learning by:

- Providing a **safe and healthy environment** after the school day for all students at no cost to students
- Enabling access to **adults trained to build both academic and non-academic skills** within the context of local communities
- Including themes and activities **based on student needs** that are both academic and enriching in nature
- Delivering **targeted academic support** – that meets requirements of HB 4545 – aligned with individual student needs, high-quality curriculum and instruction, and the regular school day

The supports available through TCLAS: High Quality Afterschool include:

- **Personnel costs** to manage and implement a high-quality afterschool program aligned with research-based strategies– *up to \$310K in grants available per award based on 2.5 years of grant availability*
- **Technical assistance** to design, implement and/or continuously improve an afterschool program aligned with local needs– *up to \$300K in grants available per award*
- **Educator and/or tutor stipends** for LEAs interested in implementing a high-impact tutoring model with approved high quality instructional materials (HQIM) – *up to \$500K in grants available*
- **Instructional supports** including approved HQIM products for afterschool settings and aligned professional learning for educators – *up to \$45K in grants plus TEA-paid licenses and professional learning costs*

Eligible applicants include LEAs — including LEAs that have partnered with a non-profit afterschool partner - and non-profits with experience and expertise in implementing and operating high quality afterschool programs.

This **application is due by 4:59 PM CT on Friday, November 12, 2021**. Interested LEAs can learn more by:

- Joining the **overview webinar** ([register here](#)) on October 14th at 10:00 AM CT
- Asking questions in office hours sessions available each Friday from October 22nd through November 5th at 2 PM CT (join using [this link](#))
- Reviewing the application and supporting resources at tea.texas.gov/tclas
- Sending questions to tclas@tea.texas.gov