Welcome!

Spending Decision 6 Grant Money, 1pm
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What can I do with it?
Agenda

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- TCLAS Decision 6: Tutoring
- Timelines

Grant Assurances (5 min)
- Subsidized providers
- Data collection

Spending Guidance (15 min)
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ESC Supports (5 min)
- TX Tutoring Support Grant- what's available?
Overview of TCLAS Decision 6
Overview

Who: traditional public schools & charters
What: implementation of High Impact Tutoring (HIT)
When: 3x week for 30 min with 3:1 ratio
Where: master schedule, after school, weekends, summer school, virtual or F2F
Why: HIT leads to substantial learning gains for students by supplementing students’ classroom experiences, provided that the program is implemented with fidelity to the key attributes of high-impact tutoring
Timeline

• Reminder: TCLAS Decision 6 is funded from ESSER III only

• Important Dates:
  • Reporting Period- March 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024
    • Preaward costs permitted, if requested, from March 1, 2021 to stamp-in date (when app was submitted)
  • Final Expenditure Report Due- November 29, 2024

• Implementation required by Summer/Fall of 2022
Decision 6 – Tutoring

☐ LEAs agree to adhere to statutory requirements for accelerated instruction.

☐ LEAs will participate in data collection and reporting to TEA on the efficacy and impact of tutoring programs.

☐ LEAs agree to cover any additional costs associated with the use of the high-quality instructional materials and resources provided through the Vetted Texas Tutor Corps (VTTC).

☐ LEAs agree to cover any additional costs associated with the use of the VTTC online tutoring platform for in-person and remote tutoring sessions.

☐ LEAs agree to cover any additional costs associated with the recruitment and training for tutors trained by TEA approved providers.
Notes-

• **Subsidized Providers:**
  - Amplify, BookNook, Zearn
  - Must implement at least one of these providers with fidelity, at some level within your LEA
  - Current, rostered BookNook licenses will continue through the 22/23 SY. After that, there is no opportunity to renew, as the TEA-BN contract will not continue. TEA will support LEAs using BN licenses to transfer to another provider if needed.

• **Data Collection:**
  - TEA and ESCs are collaborating on LEA-level self-evaluation tools to help create a space for both formative and summative assessment of Decision 6 tutor work.
  - These tools are based on reflection & growth, not compliance
  - [Texas Tutoring Supports](https://www.texasbetters和支持es)/[Texas Education Agency](https://www.texasbetters和支持es)
How to successfully spend a grant

• **Build & maintain relationships with central business office**
  ▪ How was the grant initially budgeted? Where is the money allocated?
  ▪ Check-in monthly- what's spent, what's left?

• **Utilize teacher/tutor input for programming**
  ▪ Where are the gaps & what are the struggles in your tutor programs- how can your D6 funds support solutions?
  ▪ What is going well in your tutor programming- how have funds assisted in those areas of strength & can they be replicated at other campuses?

• **Stay connected with your ESCs**
  ▪ 2021/2024 ESC Texas Tutor Support Grant
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| **6100 Payroll** | • Teacher tutors: stipends, extra-duty pay, hourly pay beyond contract hours  
|                   | • Non-Teacher tutors: hourly, stipends  
|                   | • Paid tutor training  
|                   | • Stipends for additional bus routes driven |
| **6200 Contracted Services** | • Vendors- VTTC or not (materials, trainings, tutors)  
|                            | • Data management specialists  
|                            | • Content specialists  
|                            | • Test scoring, printing costs  
|                            | • Electricity, energy sources, water/waste utilities when grant activities are being conducted outside the regular school day (before, after, Saturdays, summer) |
| **6300 Supplies & Materials** | • Technology*  
|                              | • Data management platforms/subscriptions  
|                              | • Nutritional snacks provided during extended school day hours  
|                              | • Fuel used for transporting students to/from school outside normal school hours  
|                              | • Textbooks, reference books, supplemental reading material, audio-visual aids  
|                              | • General office supplies  
|                              | • Curriculum supports for tutoring (VTTC or not) or workbooks  
|                              | • Incentives for tutor participation (certificates, ribbons/medals) |
| **6400 Other Op. Costs** | • Advertising costs for tutors/program outreach  
|                             | • In-state travel for employee training as it relates to grant objectives  
|                             | • Background checks for employees hired as tutors |
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<td>• Out of state travel&lt;br&gt;• Food &amp; lodging costs for employee travel when training takes place in residing city</td>
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Expanded list here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OhR_iR42dvvrCS2FZpMjSGTsNRYEalwPD9O_qUJYZ7k/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OhR_iR42dvvrCS2FZpMjSGTsNRYEalwPD9O_qUJYZ7k/edit?usp=sharing)
Utilizing your Education Service Centers

Stay connected with your ESCs

- 2021/2024 ESC Texas Tutor Support Grant awarded to help scale tutoring initiatives
- Within this grant, ESCs have been equipped to:

1. Assist LEAs with implementation Toolkit as well as other materials available through TEA, specifically those in the Texas Tutoring Supports site
2. 1:1 Technical assistance to LEAs
3. High Impact Tutoring Workshop series
4. Subsidized Provider training (Amplify, BookNook, Zearn)
5. Assist LEAs with tutor recruitment
6. Collect & analyze data to evaluate regional impact and inform strategic adjustment
## Utilizing your Education Service Centers

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<td>• Integrate toolkit and support website into tutor training</td>
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<td>• Reference available supports in webinars/calls/marketing</td>
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<td>1:1 Technical Assistance</td>
<td>• Meet with LEAs to discuss their HIT plans and 4545 efforts</td>
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<td>• Design and implement tailored trainings/resources for LEAs to use in tackling various challenges/barriers</td>
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<td>• Access to vendor usage reports from subsidized providers</td>
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<td>HIT Workshop Series</td>
<td>• Offers HIT training on a rolling basis with goal of delivering training to all D6 LEA tutors</td>
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<td>• Adapted to meet the needs of region as well as urban/rural/suburban districts</td>
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<td>• Integrated feedback and follow up for LEAs</td>
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<td>• Hosting nationally known tutor researchers to speak at trainings</td>
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<td>Subsidized Provider Training</td>
<td>• All ESCs trained in Amplify, BookNook, and Zearn to provide LEA tutors the training they need in respective platforms</td>
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<td>• ESC will no longer provide training/tech. assistance for BN beyond 22/23 SY*</td>
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<td>Tutor Recruitment Support</td>
<td>• Every ESC has developed a tutor bank that LEAs can use in their recruitment efforts</td>
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<td>• ESCs 1, 2, 20 staff tutors or partner with third party staffing vendors</td>
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