

(2024-2026) Effective School Framework- Focus Support (ESF-FSG) Grant

<p>High Level Program Description</p>	<p>The ESF Focused Support Grant provides resources and support to LEAs to ensure that campuses identified for improvement reach full implementation of the Foundational Essential Actions in the ESF to significantly and sustainably improve student outcomes.</p> <p>Title I, 1003 ESF-Focused Support Grant funds are supplemental to the Title I, Part A funds. These funds must only be used to support LEA and school- level improvement efforts to directly benefit the awarded Comprehensive, Targeted or Additional Targeted schools. LEAs may reserve up to 30% of the total awarded funds at the district level to assist students who will be entering and/or have exited the federally identified campuses to address the gaps that were created on the Comprehensive, Targeted or Additional Targeted campus(es). These campuses must be Title I Served and be within one level in the direct feeder pattern of the awarded campus(es).</p> <p>Districts will engage in an ESF Diagnostic that results in a Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) and select and work with a Vetted Improvement Program (VIP) that has been approved to support one or more of the Essential Actions (EAs) identified for prioritization in the diagnostic. The LEA will select a VIP and will confirm their availability.</p> <p>The grant will fund applicants during a 2-year grant period ending on September 30, 2026. Districts must satisfactorily complete required elements of the ESF-Focused Support Grant Program Guidelines and provide data and information to the Texas Education Agency as requested.</p>
<p>Key Program Commitments to Consider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in all interventions and submissions communicated by the Texas Education Agency including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ESF Diagnostic that results in a Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) focused on the highest priority or highest impact Essential Actions identified in the diagnostic (if the campus has not received a diagnostic within 3 years) • Engage with a Vetted Improvement Program to build capacity on the campus and budget funds to support partnership with the VIP, over the two year life of the grant, and implement new systems and processes with fidelity • Monitor the fidelity of implementation of ESF Essential Actions on the campus and make necessary adjustments when implementation is off track and grant the campus operational flexibility needed to implement systems and practices that lead to full implementation of ESF Essential Actions
<p>Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible applicants are LEAs with Title I served campuses with federal identifications at the time of application (Comprehensive Identified, Comprehensive Progress, Targeted Support, Additional Targeted Support in the 2023 federal accountability identification). • Campuses must remain in operation throughout the grant cycle and remain Title I served for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. • A campus may not receive funding concurrently from another ESF Focused Support Grant or any School Action Fund grant, School Redesign grant, or a School Transformation grant. • Education Service Centers (ESCs) are not eligible to apply
<p>Program Duration</p>	<p>Begin date July 2024 End Date September 2026</p>
<p>Funding Estimates</p>	<p>Estimated total funding available ~\$55 million Estimated range of award \$75,000 to \$120,000 Estimated number of awards ~200 LEAs</p>
<p>Questions</p>	<p>If you have questions about this grant, please contact SIDivision@tea.texas.gov</p>