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SY 22-23 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant, Cycle 3

Program Overview & eGrants Application Training

September 14, 2022

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Today's Agenda

- Session Norms & Reminders
- Background & Cycle Distinction
- Funding & Allocations
- Allowable Activities
- eGrants Application Process
- Reporting & Compliance Monitoring
- Resources
- Q & A

Norms & Reminders

- The scope of today's webinar is focused on the School Health Support Grant, Cycle 3.*
- Use the **Q&A feature** to ask questions (monitor to see which questions have been previously answered). Our panelists from TEA will respond throughout the session.
- There will be a designated time for Q & A at the end of the presentation
- During the Q & A session, if needed, please use the **Raise Hand** feature if you wish to speak, and we will unmute you.
- This session is being recorded. The webinar recording and a PDF copy of the slide deck will be posted on the TEA **COVID-19 School Health Support Grant website**.
- Engage!

Background & Cycle Distinction

Federal Dollars to Support Schools

In 2021, the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** invested $10 billion from the American Rescue Plan to states to enable schools to establish COVID-19 **screening testing programs** to support and maintain in-person learning by slowing the spread of COVID-19.

- *ELC Reopening Schools: Support For Screening Testing Reopen & Keep Schools Operating Safely Grant**

Texas received a total ~$803 million, and the dollars flow through the state health department to administer- the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

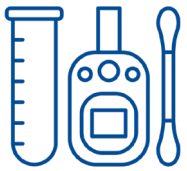
- Within the $803 million, ~**$221 million in grant funding was allocated for eligible public & private school systems** available for them to apply for funding and use for several allowable expenses, including additional services/resources (i.e. PPE, HEPA filters, cover CLIA waivers, etc.)

DSHS and TEA have partnered together to make these resources available to public and private K-12 systems in Texas.

Link: https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/03/17/biden-administration-invest-more-than-12-billion-expand-covid-19-testing.html?utm_source=salesforce&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=press-release-email&utm_content=march-17-2021

Grant Breakdown

K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program



Provide school-based COVID-19 testing activities through the work of six approved vendors which provide eligible public and private school systems with access to COVID-19 tests (rapid antigen & PCR) & staffing support to assist in administering tests.

School Health Support Grant

Provide eligible K-12 public and private school systems with access to needed funds **to further** support COVID mitigation/prevention resources and activities.

Overview: Grant Cycles Explained

TEA has been asked to implement enhanced monitoring & reporting for the duration of this grant program, which necessitates changes to previous grant processes and applications to ensure grant compliance.

The term "Cycle 3" might be a bit confusing; it does not indicate a new funding; it's an **extension of the School Health Support Grant from SY21-22** for specific LEAs in that cycle.*

- Cycle 1- LEAs that applied, received a NOGA, and were **fully paid during SY21-22.**
- Cycle 2- LEAs & private schools that applied, received a NOGA, but were **not paid during SY21-22.**
  - This cycle also includes private schools that did not previously apply but might choose to apply during SY22-23.*
- Cycle 3- LEA's **that never applied during SY21-22 and now can apply through eGrants.**
  - **The entitlements/allocation list**

There is no new or increased funding for this grant; entitlements/allocation amounts have NOT changed at this time!

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Cycle 1 Process

Cycle 1- School systems that applied received a NOGA and were **fully paid during SY21-22 for the School Health Support Grant.**

Next steps:

- LEAs that did not expend all of their grant funds will have an opportunity to expend their remaining funds throughout the duration of this grant, including a new allowable activity, **wraparound services**.
- LEAs that have expended all of their grant funds can reclassify expenditures or amend their grant through **this amendment link.**
- LEAs will continue in the Qualtrics application system from SY2021-2022.
- Additional grant guidance will be provided **by or before Monday, September 26.**

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Cycle 2 Process

Cycle 2- LEAs & private schools that **applied, received a NOGA, but were not paid during SY21-22**. This also includes private schools that did not previously apply but might choose to apply during SY22-23.

Next steps:

- LEAs & private schools will apply through the PDF grant application process.
- The PDF grant application will be posted on the **TEA Grant Opportunities page**.
- Full details of this process will be released by end of day, **tomorrow, Thursday, September 15.**
  - Application Process
  - FAQ
  - Separate webinar held next **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 PM.**
    - The Zoom link and additional details will be included in the email communication that is released on **Thursday, September 15.**

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Cycle 3 Process

Cycle 3- LEA's that **never applied** during SY21-22 and now can apply through eGrants.

- **The entitlements/allocation list** only includes the school systems that never applied.

Next steps:

- Attend today's webinar and/or go back and review the recording and slide deck.
- Review the grant documents on the **TEA Grants Opportunities page**.
- apply via eGrants.
- Additional grant guidance detailing this allowable activity will be provided **today, Wednesday, September 14.**

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Notice for Schools in the City of Houston

- The City of Houston received over **~$69M from the federal government** as part of this grant to support public and private school systems within the city boundaries.
- If you are a **public or private school system within the City of Houston city limits**, you are NOT eligible to be part of the state's testing program.
- Please contact **the Houston Health Department** for information regarding their testing program.

Funding & Allocations

Funding & Allocations

- The School Health Support Grant was calculated with a per-pupil formula at $38.57 per student based on 2020 PEIMS data.*

- School Health Support Grant- Cycle 3 school systems can find their allocations on the **official grant entitlements page.**

Allowable Activities

Allowable Activities-Overview

1. PPE (including but not limited to masks, gloves, gowns, & face shields)
2. Hygiene and cleaning supplies
3. Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation
4. Public health events that include students and other community members and are aimed at providing opportunities for increased detection and prevention of COVID-19
5. Testing events that may also involve other mitigation activities (e.g., promotion of vaccination) to limit the spread of COVID-19
6. Costs to obtain a CLIA waiver
7. Partial funding for staff conducting additional grant-related duties that are outside of the staff's normal activities, including screening testing, COVID prevention programs, or grant reporting
8. Wrap-around (e.g., food, laundry, mental health services, etc.) services for those who test positive

Link to Grant Guidance Document

Unallowable Activities Overview-Part 1 of 2

Unallowable activities and use of funds for this grant may include <u>but are not limited to</u> the following:

- Debt service (lease-purchase)
- Advisory Council
- Major renovations or construction
- Tuition reimbursement
- Out-of-State Travel
- COVID-19 testing-test kits, turn-key testing services, and related support services
- HVAC Systems
- Cleaning Equipment or Contracted Cleaning Services from non-employees or providers
- Purchasing technology to support campus testing (i.e., iPads, iPhones, and/or other devices)
- Water filtration systems-supplies and equipment

Link to Grant Guidance Document

Unallowable Activities Overview- Part 2 of 2

Unallowable activities and use of funds for this grant may include but are not limited to the following:

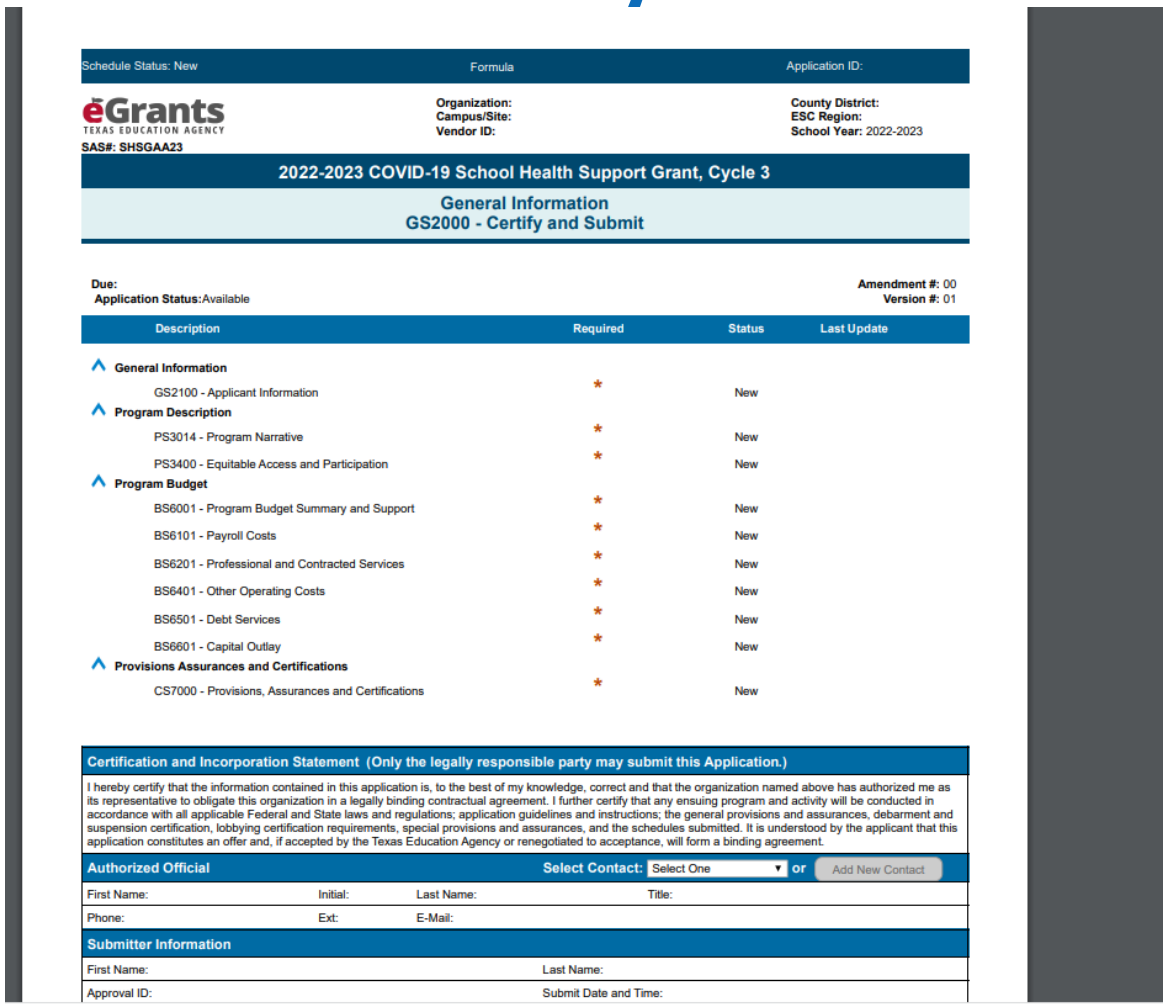
- Health supplies used in events (i.e., band-aids and/or general medical-related supplies)
- Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization
- Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences
- Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members
- Lobbying or any activity that appears to be lobbying
- Stipends for non-employees
- Field Trips
- Travel for students to conferences
- Non-employee costs for conferences

Link to Grant Guidance Document

eGrants Application Process

Application Process: School Health Support Grant, Cycle 3

- eGrants application PDF preview.



Schedule Status: New | Formula | Application ID:

eGrants
TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
SAS#: SHSGAA23

Organization:
Campus/Site:
Vendor ID:

County District:
ESC Region:
School Year: 2022-2023

2022-2023 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant, Cycle 3

General Information
GS2000 - Certify and Submit

Due:
Application Status: Available

Amendment #: 00
Version #: 01

Description	Required	Status	Last Update
General Information			
GS2100 - Applicant Information	*	New	
Program Description			
PS3014 - Program Narrative	*	New	
PS3400 - Equitable Access and Participation	*	New	
Program Budget			
BS6001 - Program Budget Summary and Support	*	New	
BS6101 - Payroll Costs	*	New	
BS6201 - Professional and Contracted Services	*	New	
BS6401 - Other Operating Costs	*	New	
BS6501 - Debt Services	*	New	
BS6601 - Capital Outlay	*	New	
Provisions Assurances and Certifications			
CS7000 - Provisions, Assurances and Certifications	*	New	

Certification and Incorporation Statement (Only the legally responsible party may submit this Application.)

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I further certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations; application guidelines and instructions; the general provisions and assurances, debarment and suspension certification, lobbying certification requirements, special provisions and assurances, and the schedules submitted. It is understood by the applicant that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the Texas Education Agency or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement.

Authorized Official — Select Contact: Select One or Add New Contact

First Name:	Initial:	Last Name:	Title:
Phone:	Ext:	E-Mail:	

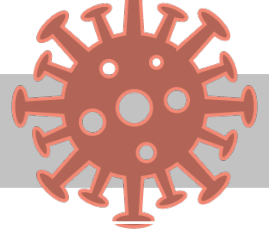
Submitter Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Approval ID:	Submit Date and Time:

Additional Details

- **Pre-award** is available back to May 1, 2021
- **Grant End Day:** March 31, 2023
- **Application Due Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022
- **Last Amendment Due Date:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023
- **Fund Type:** Federal
- **Direct Administrative Costs:** No more than 5% of the total grant award
- **Indirect Administrative Costs:** Equal to the LEAs current approved restricted indirect cost rate for this federally funded grant

Reporting & Compliance Monitoring



Reporting Requirements

Recipients of the School Health Support Grant funds will be required to submit:	
Monthly reports addressing grant activities, progress on milestones, and fiscal or financial/expenditure data	• Via Smart Sheets. • The link and instructions are sent out every month by the 15th, and school systems have approximately two weeks to complete the report. • *If the deadline is missed, school systems will need to submit the information on the following monthly expenditure report*.
Annual progress reports (APRs) or final reports	• May later be required by TEA.
As a result of federal enhanced monitoring and reporting	• School systems that are recipients of the School Health Support Grant are required to thoroughly track all expenditures and keep a record of other applicable documents. • The documents must be readily available upon request.

Resources

Accessing Resources & Contact Information

Link:
School Health Support Grant, Cycle 3- Grants Webpage

Link:
COVID-19 School Health Support Grant Website

Link:
TEA Grants Administration Division Contacts

Email:
COVIDCaseReport@TEA.Texas.gov

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Grants@TEA.Texas.gov

Q & A