

An aerial photograph of Austin, Texas, showing the city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings. The Colorado River flows through the city, with a bridge visible in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground shows a park area with trees and a body of water reflecting the sky.

Welcome!

Spending Decision 6 Grant Money, 1pm



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What can I do with it?

Overview of Grant (5 min)

- TCLAS Decision 6: Tutoring
- Timelines

Grant Assurances (5 min)

- Subsidized providers
- Data collection

Spending Guidance (15 min)

- Best practice
- Allowable
- Unallowable

ESC Supports (5 min)

- TX Tutoring Support Grant-what's available?



Overview of TCLAS Decision 6



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

- **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**



Grant Assurances





Grant Requirements (Assurances)

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.

[house-bill-4545-frequently-asked-questions_0.pdf \(texas.gov\)](#)



- **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 | Texas Education Agency](#)



Spending Guidance





- **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

Allowable: not exhaustive, nor prescriptive!

Budget Obj. Code	Allowable
6100 Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Unallowable: not exhaustive, but yes-prescriptive!

Budget Obj. Code	<u>Unallowable</u>
6100 Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonemployee stipends • Contributions to employment retirement plans • Payroll that exceeds local policy
6200 Contracted Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising activities • Grant-writing training or technical assistance • Building remodels
6300 Supplies & Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with banquets/award ceremonies, social events • Supplies/materials/technology for personal use or use outside of grant objectives • Gifts, souvenirs, promotional items (ex. T-shirts) • Larger incentive items (gift cards, door prizes, etc.)
6400 Other Operating Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of state travel • Food & lodging costs for employee travel when training takes place in residing city

Expanded list here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OhR_iR42dvvrCS2FZpMjSGTsNRYEalwPD9O_qUJYZ7k/edit?usp=sharing



ESC Supports



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

ESC Objective	What does this look like? FREE!
Toolkit and other Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate toolkit and support website into tutor training • Reference available supports in webinars/calls/marketing
1:1 Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with LEAs to discuss their HIT plans and 4545 efforts • Design and implement tailored trainings/resources for LEAs to use in tackling various challenges/barriers • Access to vendor usage reports from subsidized providers
HIT Workshop Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers HIT training on a rolling basis with goal of delivering training to all D6 LEA tutors • Adapted to meet the needs of region as well as urban/rural/suburban districts • Integrated feedback and follow up for LEAs • Hosting nationally known tutor researchers to speak at trainings
Subsidized Provider Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ESCs trained in Amplify, BookNook, and Zearn to provide LEA tutors the training they need in respective platforms • ESC will no longer provide training/tech. assistance for BN beyond 22/23 SY*
Tutor Recruitment Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every ESC has developed a tutor bank that LEAs can use in their recruitment efforts • ESCs 1, 2, 20 staff tutors or partner with third party staffing vendors • Many others are developing contracts



Thank you!



Q & A



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