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## 2008-2009 District Awards for Teacher Excellence (DATE), Year 1, Grant Application

Cycle: 1

SAS#: 592-09

RFA#: N/A

The 2008-2009 District Awards for Teacher Excellence (DATE), Year 1, Grant Application Program will be administered by the Division of Discretionary Grants through the traditional paper method. The application must be downloaded, completed, and submitted in paper to the Division of Discretionary Grants. Applications may be mailed, hand-delivered, or sent via courier but must in all cases be received by TEA by the established deadline time and date. For your convenience, TEA will post the application and supporting information on this page upon release of the grant.

### Program Information

#### Program Description

The purpose of the DATE program is to provide a teacher incentive awards program that supports the establishment of district-wide goals and the implementation of a financial awards system for teachers who improve student achievement. School districts and open enrollment charter schools that opt into DATE are required to participate in an unfunded planning year during the 2007-2008 school year to develop incentive award plans. No funds will be available to districts or open enrollment charter schools during the planning year. In the 2008-2009 school year, funds will be made available to districts and open enrollment charter schools beginning September 1, 2008, to provide incentive awards to educators, principals, and other school staff for improving student performance. Funds may also be used for other allowable activities including stipends and awards for recruitment and retention of teachers, master/mentor teachers, on-going applied professional growth, and implementation of the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). In order to participate in the DATE grant program, school districts or open enrollment charter schools must: Submit the Mandatory Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply by October 19, 2007 to the TEA ([http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ed\\_init/eeg/datex/apply.html](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ed_init/eeg/datex/apply.html)); participate in the required technical assistance activities as established by the commissioner, complete required activities as described by the established timelines in the program requirements; agree to participate for at least two consecutive grant cycle years of implementation; create an awards plan that meets the criteria established in the program requirements; and provide a 15% match in the first year, a 25% match in the second year, and 35% in the third year from federal, state, or local sources.

#### Eligibility

All school districts and open enrollment charter schools are eligible to participate in DATE. Districts or open enrollment charter schools can determine which campuses are eligible to participate.

#### Statutory Authority

General Appropriations Act, Article III, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 72.

### Funding Information

Expected Number of Awards: **1,200**

Minimum Allowable per Award: **N/A**

Cost Sharing or Match  
Requirement: **Varies**

Maximum Allowable per Award: **N/A**

| Grant ID                       | Grant Description            | Grant Start Date | Grant End Date | Fund Type | CFDA # | Percent | Amount           |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------------|
| 09029103                       | Dist Awds Tchrs Excel (DATE) | 09/01/2008       | 02/28/2010     | State     |        | 100.00  | \$147,000,000.00 |
| <b>Total Funding Available</b> |                              |                  |                |           |        |         | \$147,000,000.00 |

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#### Application and Support Information

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#### Critical Events

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| Event                            | Reporting Period      | Due Date   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Application Availability Date    | -                     | 10/05/2007 |
| Notice Of Intent Due Date        | -                     | 10/19/2007 |
| Application Due Date             | -                     | 04/08/2008 |
| Interim Expenditure Report       | 09/01/2008-09/15/2009 | 10/01/2009 |
| Last Amendment Due Date          | -                     | 11/30/2009 |
| Final Evaluation Report          | 09/01/2008-02/28/2010 | 03/31/2010 |
| Final Expenditure Report         | 09/16/2009-02/28/2010 | 03/31/2010 |
| Revised Final Expenditure Report | 09/16/2009-02/28/2010 | 04/30/2010 |

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