

Strong Foundations Planning (SFP)

High Level Program Description

Strong Foundations Planning provides direct grant funds to LEAs for technical assistance to develop a strong instructional framework in math or literacy based in the research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) to guide teaching and learning in the LEA.

Best-Fit for LEAs who are looking for:

- High-quality professional learning (HQPL) on the math or literacy research-based instructional strategies (RBIS)
- Support in developing an instructional framework in math or literacy to guide key decisions about teaching and learning in the LEA
- Diagnostic of the current state of instructional materials and instruction
- Support in developing an instructional framework rollout plan and deciding whether to adopt high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) to achieve the instructional goals of the LEA

Key Program Commitments to Consider

Note: Intended to provide key program commitments, not an exhaustive list of program assurances or requirements.

- Approved Provider | Contract with an Approved Provider for Strong Foundations Planning.
- Leadership Team | Form a leadership team that includes representation from key district leaders.
- Stakeholder Committee | Form a stakeholder committee that includes representation from key stakeholders in the LEA (e.g., board members, district leaders, school leaders, curriculum specialists, instructional coaches, teachers, families/caregivers, community members).
- Collective Learning | Ensure all members of the leadership team and stakeholder committee complete the research-based instructional strategies (RBIS) collective learning series.
- Instructional Framework Development | Create a vision, identify key beliefs and action steps, gather input from stakeholders, and develop an RBIS-aligned instructional framework in math or literacy.

Resources

- [Program Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Webinar Deck](#) (PDF)
- [Webinar Recording](#) (YouTube)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)

Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are LEAs. LEAs that previously participated in the Strong Foundations Framework Development Grant in SY2022-23 and/or Strong Foundations Planning Grant in SY2023-24 and/or SY2024-25 are NOT eligible to apply for the same content area awarded in previous grant cycles.

Funding Estimates

- Estimated total funding available: ~\$24 million
- Estimated range of award: \$120,000 to \$300,000
- Estimated number of awards: 100 to 200 LEAs

Approximate Program Timeline

Begin date: February 2025
End date: August 2026

Technology Lending Grant (TLG)

High Level Program Description

The Technology Lending Grant program awards grant funds to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide students with the equipment necessary to access and use digital instructional materials at school and at home. The equipment purchased through this grant for a local technology lending program becomes the property of the LEA.

Best Fit for LEAs who are looking for:

- Classroom or student-facing technology to support the implementation of high-quality tier-1 and supplemental instructional materials
- Funding to supplement the purchase, maintenance, and insurance for equipment for a technology lending program

Key Program Commitments to Consider

Note: Intended to provide key program commitments, not an exhaustive list of program assurances or requirements.

- Current Equipment and Tech Plan | Applicants must provide the availability of existing equipment to students in the LEA and other funding available for the purchase of student technology devices. TEA may request the LEA's technology plan.
- Evidence of Implementation | The LEA may, upon TEA request, provide any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- TEA Available Materials | The LEA must ensure that devices will be prioritized for classrooms and students using TEA Available Instructional Materials.
- Training | The LEA must provide the teacher, associated instructional coach, and students with training in the proper use of the device within 90 days of installation of the device in the classroom.

Resources

- [Program Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Webinar Deck](#) (PDF)
- [Webinar Recording](#) (YouTube)

Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

Funding Estimates

- Estimated total funding available: ~\$5 million
- Estimated range of award: LEAs can receive up to ~\$225K
- Estimated number of Awards: 50-100 LEAs

Approximate Program Timeline

Begin date: February 2025
End date: April 2026

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Hello,

Thank you for submitting your application for the LASO Cycle 3 Consolidated Grant Opportunity. We are pleased to confirm that we received your application today.

Appreciatively,

LASO Team

LASO Cycle 3 program grants are focused on three of the five learning acceleration strategies: Curriculum & Instruction, More Time and Innovative School Models.

LASO Cycle 3 consolidated grant application opens October 14, 2024 and closes on December 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. CST.