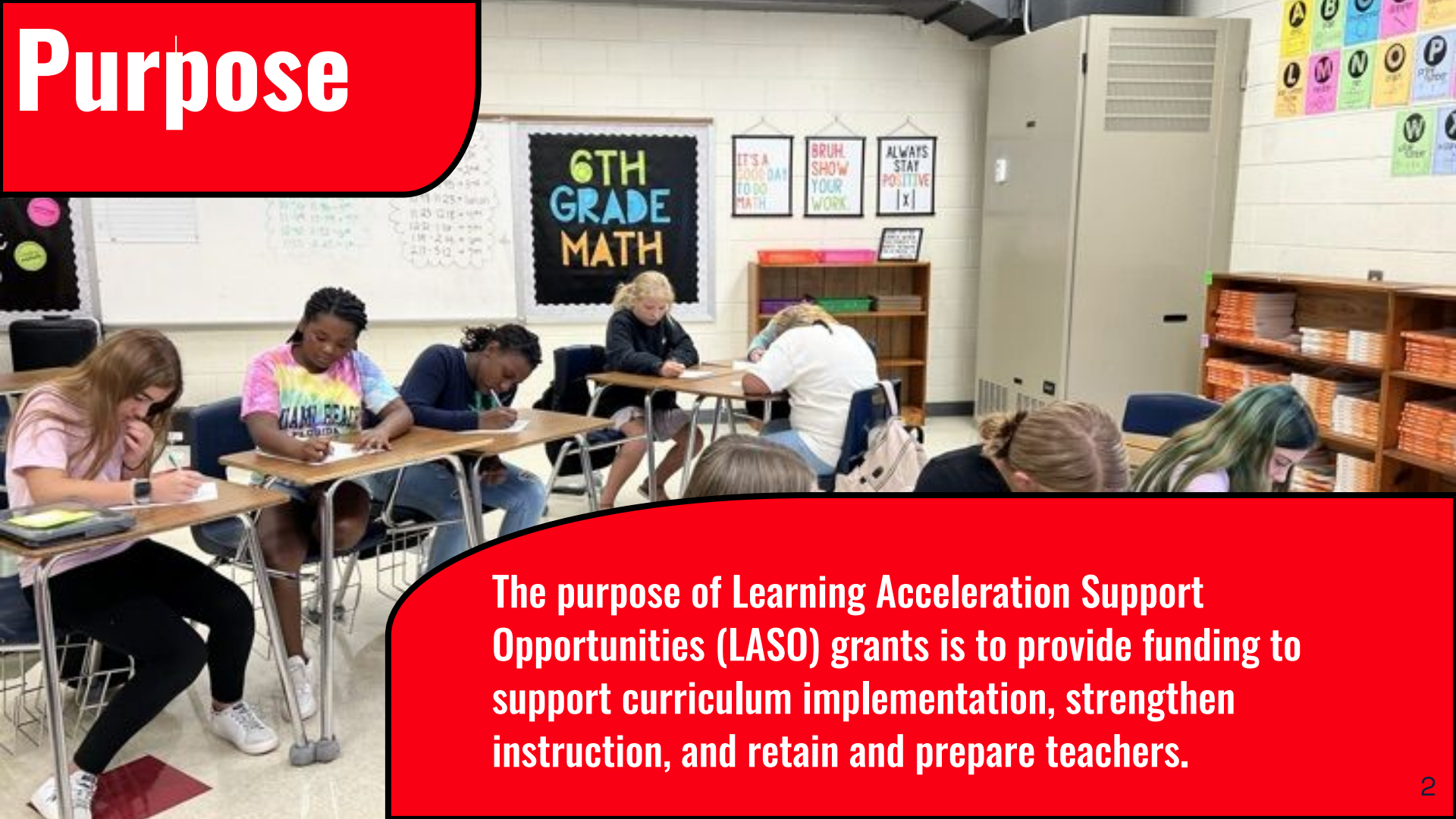

Consent: Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Grant Applications

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Purpose



The purpose of Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) grants is to provide funding to support curriculum implementation, strengthen instruction, and retain and prepare teachers.

LASO Cycle 4

Curriculum & Instruction Grants:

The Leadership and Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT) Grant and School Improvement Curriculum & Instruction Grant (SI CISG) provides grant funds for technical assistance and partial salaries for district instructional positions to support the curriculum and instruction.

- Grant funding pays for district support for implementation, such as instructional support salaries or supplemental materials, as well as a required contract with a TEA-Approved Provider.
- Provides implementation support for math curriculum and supports for RLA at the elementary and middle school levels.

LASO Cycle 4

LIFT funding varies depending on district engagement size and program year; funding is flexible and provided through the entire tenure of the program. Year 1 funding is awarded through the **competitive LASO grant process**, whereas Year 2 & 3 funding is awarded through continuation grants. 70% of the award is required for technical assistance from an Approved Provider, and 30% is awarded to the district to support with salaries for instructional positions support implementation and supplemental materials.

Curriculum and Instruction Grants

Leadership and Instructional Foundations for Texas (LIFT & LIFT PLC)

- Applying for Elementary Math
- Pays for technical assistance, district instructional implementation support, supplemental materials
- Grant award would average \$600K for 3 years

School Improvement Curriculum & Instruction Grant (SI CISG)

- Applying for Chisholm Trail EL & Southwest EL
- Pays for technical assistance support for reading language arts district instructional support in professional learning communities
- Grant award would average \$200K for each campus

LASO Cycle 4

Educator Preparation and Retention Allotment:

- Three new guaranteed allotments, funded by HB 2, provides funding for up to 40 teachers per initiative
- Mentorship Allotment: Will provide training for mentor teachers, paired with novice teachers, and funding for stipends
- Residency Allotment: Will provide district \$10,000 per resident for contribution towards resident salaries
- Grow Your Own: Will provide district employees partial tuition reimbursement (\$8,000 - \$10,000) towards a bachelor's degree and teacher certification

Educator Prep and Retention Allotment

Mentorship Allotment

- \$3K per mentee teacher (up to 40 teachers)
- Can be used for Required State Training for Mentor Teachers and Mentor Teacher Stipends

Residency Allotment

- \$10K per resident teacher + \$2K for SPED & Bilingual cert
- Contribution towards salary for resident teachers, Stipends for a host teacher

Grow Your Own Allotment

- \$8K per participating district employee + \$2K additional for serving on high-needs campuses

Discussion

