



# 2024-2026 Innovative Services for Students with Autism - Cycle 2

Overview of Grant Award Program  
and Application Process

February 6, 2024

# Meet the Team



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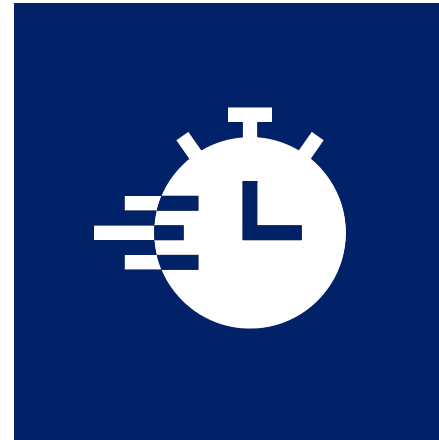
# Agenda



Grant  
Overview



Application  
Process



Coming Soon



Q and A



# Webinar Norms

- Use the Q&A feature for any questions.
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- Please hold your questions until the end of the presentation, if possible.



# Grant Overview

## Grant originated in the 88th Texas Legislature

- The 88th Texas Legislature appropriated \$20 million across the biennium (\$10M for School Year 2024-2025 and \$10M for School Year 2025-2026).
- There is no set minimum or maximum award set per grantee.
- There is no set number of grantees.





# Grant Overview

## Who is eligible to apply?

- All Texas public schools and open-enrollment charter schools are eligible to apply for grant funding.
- LEAs may apply individually or in collaboration with other districts or open-enrollment charter schools.
- Prioritization of funding is given to collaborative applications.



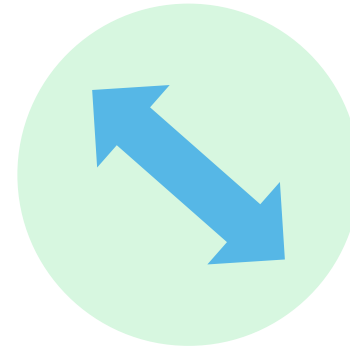


# Grant Overview

## Purpose of the Grant



To increase the LEA's capacity to implement innovative programs that effectively serve students with autism ages three through 21.



To result in effective, scalable models that can be replicated in other areas of the state.



# Grant Overview

## Interested in Applying

Please complete the intent to apply form  
[Link to Intent to Apply Form](#)

## Info Sessions via Zoom

Overview of Grant Award Program and Q and A Sessions

**January 29, 2024 Recording on website**

**February 1, 2024 Recording on website**

**February 6, 2024 (today) from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm CST**

## Links for Zoom Webinar Sessions

Sessions will be recorded and posted on the website  
found at: <https://go.esc13.net/info-sessions/>





# Application Process

**To be eligible for a grant award, the LEA's application must incorporate:**

- Evidence-based practices
- Data collection on student achievement and improvement
- Parental support and collaboration
- Use of technology, which may include interactive technology
- Meaningful inclusion
- Ability to replicate the program for students statewide





# Application Process

## General list of allowable expenses for grant include but not limited to:

Salaries for dedicated staff

Professional or contracted services

Capital outlay and equipment

Instructional resources, curriculum development, and materials

Technology

Interpreter or translation for services for parent training

Community Based Instruction

*List is not comprehensive*



# Application Process

## **Application:**

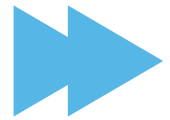
**Opens: February 15, 2024**

**Closes: March 27, 2024 5:00 PM CST**

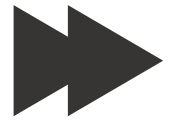
Submit application questions  
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# Application Process



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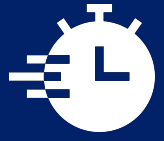




# Application Process

- ▶ **April 2024**— Grant application status letters distributed.
- ▶ **May 1, 2024**— Grant award application for selected applicants *opens* on the TEA System (Applicants must complete this step to receive grant funding).
- ▶ **May 31, 2024**— Grant award application for selected applicants *closes* on the TEA System.
- ▶ **May 31, 2024** — Grant begin date.





# Website Walk-through

<https://go.esc13.net/autism-grant-award-program/>

- Intent to Apply Form
- Important Dates
- Webinars (register for future and view previously recorded)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Allowable and Non-allowable expenses
- Application Preview

Coming Soon: Application (February 15, 2024)



# Question and Answer

**Please use the Q&A feature to type your questions**

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# Have Questions?

**We're still here to answer questions until 3:00 pm**

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