2022-2023 School Improvement Grant FAQs

General Application Info

When can we see the grant application posted in eGrants?

x The grant application will not be seen in eGrants until September 13th, 2021. It will close on November 12th, 2021.

Where can I access this grant application?

x https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/TSP/TEASecurePortal/Access/LogonServlet

So, a school can receive both SIG and ESF but not both SIG and SAF (or ESF and SAF)?

x While all three grants may be awarded, campuses awarded the SAF grant that are in the continuation or implementation phases are not eligible to also receive the SIG and/or ESF FSG.

Participation

If we received the ESF Support Grant and will be engaging in those activities, is it necessary for us to participate in this grant opportunity as well?

x If the LEA/Campus received an award for the ESF Focused Support Grant, it is not required that the LEA/campus participate in this grant opportunity. However, if the LEA/Campus chooses not to apply for SIG funding, the LEA/Campus is still required to participate in all required interventions found on the campus intervention matrix: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/acct-campusinterventionsmatrix-23.pdf

Are eligible campuses required to apply for the SIG?

x No, eligible campuses are not required to apply for the SIG. However, eligible campuses are still required to participate in all required interventions found on the campus intervention matrix: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/acct-campusinterventionsmatrix-23.pdf These funds go to support the implementation of those interventions.

Are 22/23 SIG districts required to submit the 21/22 PR9100 before accessing the 22/23 SIG application?

x No, districts who were awarded the 21/22 SIG have 60 days to complete their

- SIG eligibility is based on a campus' CE (and)RU H[D... with federal identifications and one without) are combined and made into an entirely new campus with a new CDCN, they will not have a federal identification this year and therefore are not eligible to receive SIG funds.

Funding

What is the award amount for the 22/23 SIG?

- Each campus with a comprehensive support and improvement identification will receive a $43,000 entitlement. The grant award is at the LEA-level, so the total of all participating campus' entitlements will roll up into one final award amount.

What is the total payroll cap for the 22/23 SIG?

- There is no payroll cap this year.

Is paying fo r a membership to a Texas Organization such as TEPSA (Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association) considered "lobbying funds" (referencing the final assurances page)?

- No, that is not considered lobbying.

Will there be reallocation of funds for districts that choose not to participate in the 202 2-23 SIG program? Meaning - could the carryover include additional funds beyond what we calculate locally would be our carryover?

- No. Carryover will only include the funding that was unused from the 2021-2022 SIG for the individual district. We will not be reallocating funds from other LEAs.

Carryover

Will Districts have to amend their budget report to get their carryover funds?

- Yes, once the carry over process is complete the LEA will be alerted to return to

Do districts have to reserve funds at the LEA level?

No, districts do not have to utilize the LEA reserve. If you do choose to do so, there is a 20% limit to the LEA reserve. What are considered reserved funds?

- x Reserved funds can be used at the district level to support students who have exited or are entering the comprehensive support and improvement campus. The funds may be used on Title I, served campuses with in one level of the direct feeder pattern of the SIG eligible campus.

Does the feeder pattern have to be Title I served?

- x Yes, feeder pattern campuses must be Title I served. This grant is funded with Title I - Part A funds.

Pre-award

What is the pre -award window?

- x Pre-award begins 8/01/2022 and ends when the LEA submits their eGrants application N Q R Z Q D V W K H µ.V W D P S L Q ¶ G D W H

Is th e pre -award section required to be completed?

- x Pre-award is not required but any expenses encumbered prior to submission/stamp in date of grant application should be budgeted in pre-award.

Plan4Learning

Do we pay for Plan4Learning access separately or with our grant money?

- x Access to the Plan4Learning portal is automatically given to each eligible campus that receives the SIG award. Eligible campuses do not have to use this grant to purchase access. However, if you are serving students in Title I feeder schools with your LEA reserve, you may choose to use grant funds to give Plan4Learning access to those other campuses. This is not required.

Will the budget amount be prepopulated on the budget page in the web -based TIP?

- x The budget will not be pre-populated in the web-based TIP plan. The LEA will enter budgeted dollar amounts for each campus or share with campus leadership the amount allocated to each campus to be budgeted on the TIP.

Does the data listed in the Plan4Learning Cycle Action Steps come from the 202 1-2022 Application or are you adding action steps from scratch?

- x The cycle action steps are updated by the campus/LEA in the 806 web-based TIP at each cycle submissions for the 2022-2023 SY.