

# Reaching for Excellence Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## **Is the Reaching for Excellence Grant available to private schools?**

No, the Reaching for Excellence Grant is only available to public schools and public charter schools.

## **Can a health system, after-school program, or other school partner apply for the grant to implement at the schools where they are based?**

A health system, after-school program, or other school partner can submit multiple applications on behalf of the schools where they are based. Although, the funds can only be provided to the public schools and public charter schools.

## **Is this a single-year grant?**

Yes, the Reaching for Excellence Grant will have a 1-year cycle from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

## **Do we submit the project first and then get notified about the reward status and project start date?**

Yes, all Reaching for Excellence Grant applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. January 22, 2024. Applicants will be notified via email on their application status in the summer of 2024.

## **Were the webinar presentations recorded?**

Yes, a recording of the webinar presentation and all handouts provided during the webinar can be found on the [Grants and Awards webpage](#).

## **Can a district apply for this grant on behalf of several schools?**

Yes, a district can submit multiple applications on behalf of schools within their district. For example, a district may submit five separate applications for five schools.



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## **Is DSHS providing only two grants for all applications or two per school district?**

DSHS will be awarding only two grants total this application cycle. The grant will be awarded to two different applicants.

For example, Bluebonnet ISD was awarded a grant that they applied for on behalf of a school within their district and the other grant will go to a different school that applied in Mockingbird ISD.

## **Can a district apply or is it only for schools?**

Yes, a school district can apply for the Reaching for Excellence grant.

## **Can one applicant submit two separate grant applications?**

Yes, an applicant can submit multiple applications for different projects at their school, but only one project can be selected for one school.

## **My district is small, and we have pre-k through 12 on one campus. As a district, do we have to apply for either elementary or 7-12th grade?**

Since the district is located on one campus, the grant can be used for all grades.

## **Is there a grade level requirement?**

No, the Reaching for Excellence Grant can be used for any grade level and can span across multiple grades in one campus.

## **Do you have a list of unallowable expenses under this grant?**

No, but promotional items will not be funded through the Reaching for Excellence grant. If you have any concerns about if an expense can be funded, please contact the School Health Program at [schoolhealthawards@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:schoolhealthawards@dshs.texas.gov).

