Texas Literacy Initiative

TLI Leadership Team

SUPPORT MODEL

Grantees will contract with the Texas Literacy Initiative (TLI) Leadership Team: the Education Service Centers (ESCs), the Institute for Public School Initiatives (IPSI) at The University of Texas at Austin, UT Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and the Vaughn Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts (VGCRLA) in the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk at The University of Texas at Austin to provide professional development and support for grantees. Specifically, this Leadership Team will:

- facilitate participation in *Project Share®* through the creation of professional learning communities for online trainings, mentoring and coaching, courses, group activities, etc.
- provide professional development on implementing the Texas State Literacy Plan in face-to-face and online (*Project Share®*) settings
- provide direct support to the Literacy Line to ensure seamless and aligned literacy instruction across the age 0 to grade 12 learning continuum
- model and support data analysis for planning and instruction

COST: The cost of the support plan is approximately 10% of the total grantee budget. The size of the Literacy Line will determine the support needed. The contracted services that each grantee will receive will be negotiated upon grant award to coordinate the services among the entities within the TLI Leadership Team (ESCs, IPSI, UT Health, and VGCRLA). This amount is to be reflected in your Budget Schedule 5C.

The TLI Leadership Team will provide professional development and support to grantees through a blended model approach, both face-to-face and online via *Project Share®*. Each grantee will be supported by a designated team who will work with the Grant Implementation Team to build a customized blueprint for support based on the needs of the grantee's Literacy Line.

The support that the TLI Leadership Team provides will be grant-specific and includes all of the following:

- **2½-Day Texas Literacy Initiative Summit**
  - Who attends? Members of the Grant Implementation Team and 3-4 members of each site/Campus-based Leadership Team within the Literacy Line
  - What is the cost? $200 per participant for registration and materials (amount is included in the 10% support model)
  - When and where is the Summit? Afternoon of April 2, 2012 through April 4, 2012, Westin Galleria, Houston
  - Note: Travel funds and food costs for grantees are **not** included in the 10% support model

- **2½- Day Texas Literacy Institute: Evidence-Based Professional Development**
  - Who attends? Teachers and administrators at all levels, age 0-Grade 12
  - What is the cost? $400 per participant for registration and materials (amount is included in the 10% support model)
  - When and where is the Institute? Summer, Location TBD
  - Note: Travel funds and food costs for grantees are **not** included in the 10% support model

- **Support implementation of the Texas State Literacy Plan**
    - Provide an overview of how the various state initiatives align and support literacy from age 0 to grade 12
    - Provide professional development on each of the six components of the Texas State Literacy Plan through *Project Share®*

- **Support the creation, implementation and evaluation of a Literacy Instructional Plan for both the entire Literacy Line and individual sites/campuses**
    - Complete a comprehensive campus-based survey of literacy instruction to identify priority needs at each site/campus and at the Literacy Line levels
    - Assist with establishing short- and long-term local literacy goals
    - Assist with measuring progress toward short- and long-term local literacy goals
    - Create an online Professional Learning Community within *Project Share®* for each Literacy Line
    - Establish systems for coaching, observation and feedback, and grade-level meetings based on needs of the Literacy Line
    - Model and facilitate site/campus leadership meetings
    - Provide campus support for the Literacy Instructional Plan through *Project Share®*
    - Assist with evaluation of the Literacy Instructional Plan's effectiveness by determining evidence of implementation of activities and effect on student literacy achievement

Please refer to Schedules 5 and 5C in the SAS for budget details.