



# SAFE Grant Cycle 2 Overview

## March 2024 Webinar

# Objectives

Review the current school safety grants

Discuss Allowable Costs and spending guidance

Provide a Cycle 2 Overview

Communicate timelines and next steps

Please use the Q&A feature for questions or  
email [safeschools@tea.texas.gov](mailto:safeschools@tea.texas.gov).



All Grants to Support Standards and Statutory Requirements

# State School Safety Requirements

SPAT Grant

Safety  
Standards  
Formula  
Grant

SAFE Grant  
Cycle 1

SAFE Grant  
Cycle 2



# Current Grants

## 2022 – 2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant

- Intended to help LEAs to meet the required School Safety Standards Outlined in TAC, §61.1031.

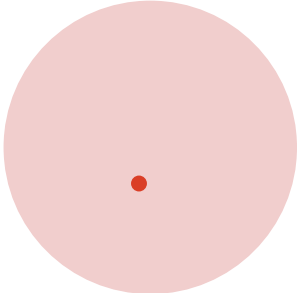
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- Includes additional allowable costs for LEAs that have certified compliance.

# Cycle 2 Overview



# Cycle 2 Funding



# Grants and Order of Use

Expend First

2022-2025 School Safety  
Standards Formula Grant



# Allowable Costs— Tier 1

## Tier 1 Allowable Costs

LEAs are restricted to these allowable costs until certified compliant with the minimum safety standard

- Fencing (to become compliant with safety standards)
  - Emergency egress gates; and
  - Locking devices; upgrades to become compliant with standards
- Exterior Doors.
  - Reinforcement components; doors; door locks; door frames; center mullions; master key rekeying
- Glass Exterior Doors not within a Secure Area.
  - Forced entry resistant film and installation materials
- Ground Level Exterior Windows.
- Silent Panic Alert Technology.
  - Purchase and installation.
  - Maintenance and service contracts.
- Other Required Components.
  - Exterior door numbering.
  - Purchase / install of equipment allowing responder two way radios to function in most parts of the building.
  - Exterior secure master key lock box.
- Installation of anything on the Tier 1 list.



# Allowable Costs—Tier 2

## Tier 2 Allowable Costs

Only available after the LEA has certified compliance with the minimum safety standard

- The purchase and maintenance of:
  - Security cameras and other security equipment beyond the primary entrance; technology, including communication systems that facilitates information sharing between students, staff, and first responders
- Providing security for the LEA, including:
  - Employing school district peace officers, private security officers, school marshals, and collaborating with local law enforcement for the provision of school resource officers
- School safety and security planning / training, including:
  - Active shooter/emergency response training; Prevention and treatment programs; Threat reporting systems
  - Prevention and treatment programs relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences
  - Prevention, identification, and management of emergencies and threats, using evidenced practices
  - Licensed counselors, social workers, and individuals trained in restorative justice practices
  - Mental health personnel and support and/or behavioral health services
- Metal detectors
- Two-way radio systems
- Access control features on exterior and interior doors
- Vestibules
- Other security equipment

Reference [TEC §48.115](#)



# Compliance Assessment – Update

The Compliance Assessment within the IDA Dashboard is the official compliance self-reporting mechanism to help inform districts of their compliance status and grant spending requirements.

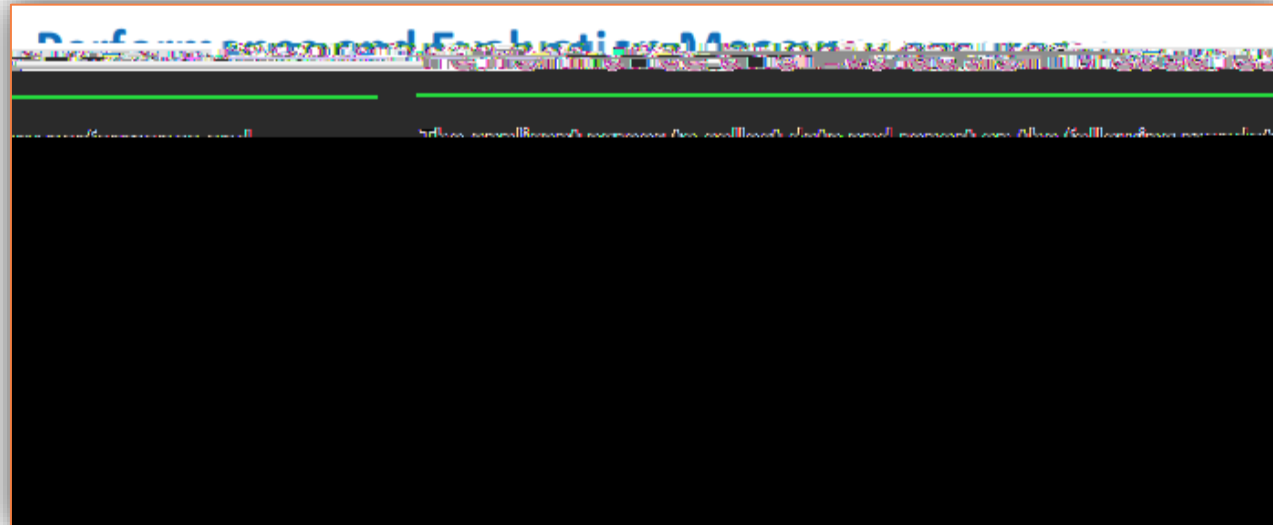


# Compliance Assessment Update Continued

LEAs will have the opportunity to update each component of the minimum school safety standard starting March 28

# Grant Reporting Requirement

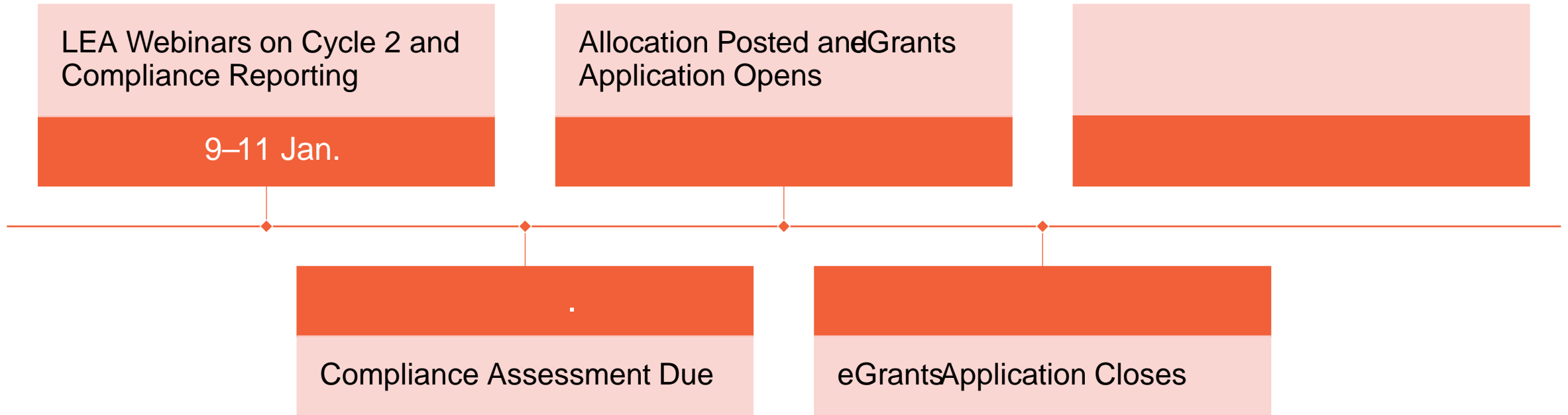
All grantees will collect and report performance and expenditure data in the timeline(s) required by the agency.



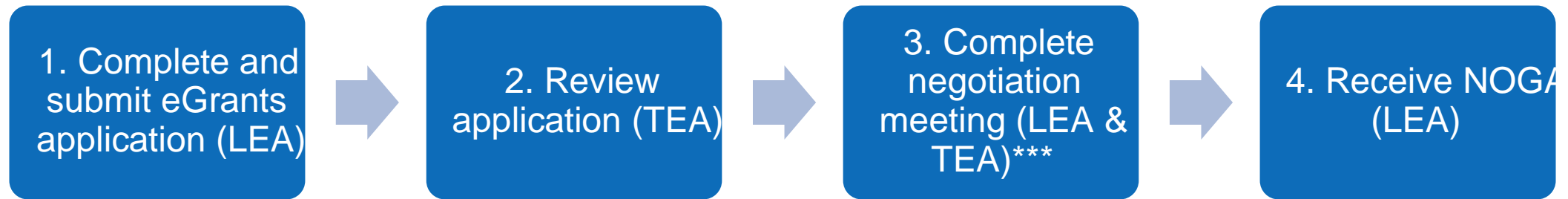
# Grant and Compliance Timelines



# SAFE Grant Cycle 2 Timeline



# TEA Grants Notice of Grant Award Process





# Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become eligible to access Tier 2 Allowable Expenses?

- You need to be at least Provisionally Compliant across all components of the minimum safety standard via the Compliance Assessment.

If I am eligible for Tier 2 Allowable Expenses based on my compliance status, what is allowable?

- All Tier 2 costs should align with TEC §48.115 (i.e., School Safety Allotment). Some of the most common answers are armed security, ~~tax~~ radios, access control, and vestibules.

When will I receive my Cycle 1 NOGA? My Cycle 2 NOGA?

- If you have not received your Cycle 1 NOGA, you should expect to receive it in the next few weeks. You should receive your Cycle 2 NOGA ~~NOGA~~ Summer 2024.

# Next Steps

## LEAs

- Complete the Cycle 2 grant application starting March 28, 2024.
- Update compliance status as needed.
- Register for Office Hours (optional). Held Wednesdays at 11am.



# Q&A



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