



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.

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.

2023 – 2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant – Cycle 1

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

2023 – 2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant – Cycle 2

- Intended to help LEAs to meet the required School Safety Standards Outlined in TAC, §61.1031.
- Includes additional allowable costs for LEAs that have certified compliance.

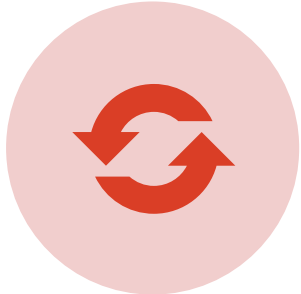
Cycle 2 Overview



Formula grant to support LEAs in meeting the state requirements for school safety.



Funds must first be used to meet all state school safety requirements, to include Commissioner's Rule on School Safety Requirements (TAC §61.1031).

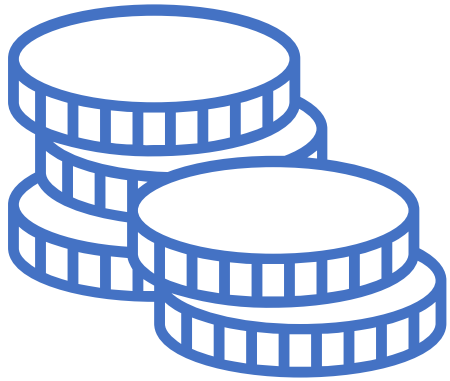


Compliance Assessment completion was required for eligibility.



Pre-award date of June 9, 2023.

Cycle 2 Funding



Cycle 2 Funding

- SAFE Cycle 2 Funding will be based on the following:
 - \$150,000 minimum funding amount
 - Additional funding based on enrollment (Ages 3-21 Fall PEIMS 2023)
- LEAs that completed the Compliance Assessment will receive a Cycle 2 allocation.
- Private schools are not eligible.
- Schools opening after January 1, 2024 are not eligible.

Grants and Order of Use

Expend First

2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant

Must first be exhausted prior to utilizing Cycle 1 funding, if applicable

LEAs that have certified compliance and **DID NOT** apply for Cycle 1 funding may utilize any remaining funds on any other locally identified school safety requirements that are aligned with the allowable costs.

Expend Second (if applicable)

2023-2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE) – Cycle 1

Only once the Safety Standards Formula Grant is exhausted shall LEAs use Cycle 1 funding to meet the remaining requirements.

LEAs should not use Cycle 1 funding for anything other than meeting the School Safety Standards.

Expend Last

2024-2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE) – Cycle 2

LEAs still not in compliance with the School Safety Standards are required to utilize Cycle 2 funding to first meet any remaining requirements.

Once compliant, the LEA is able to utilize funds on any other locally identified school safety requirements that are aligned with the allowable costs.



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; anti-scaling 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

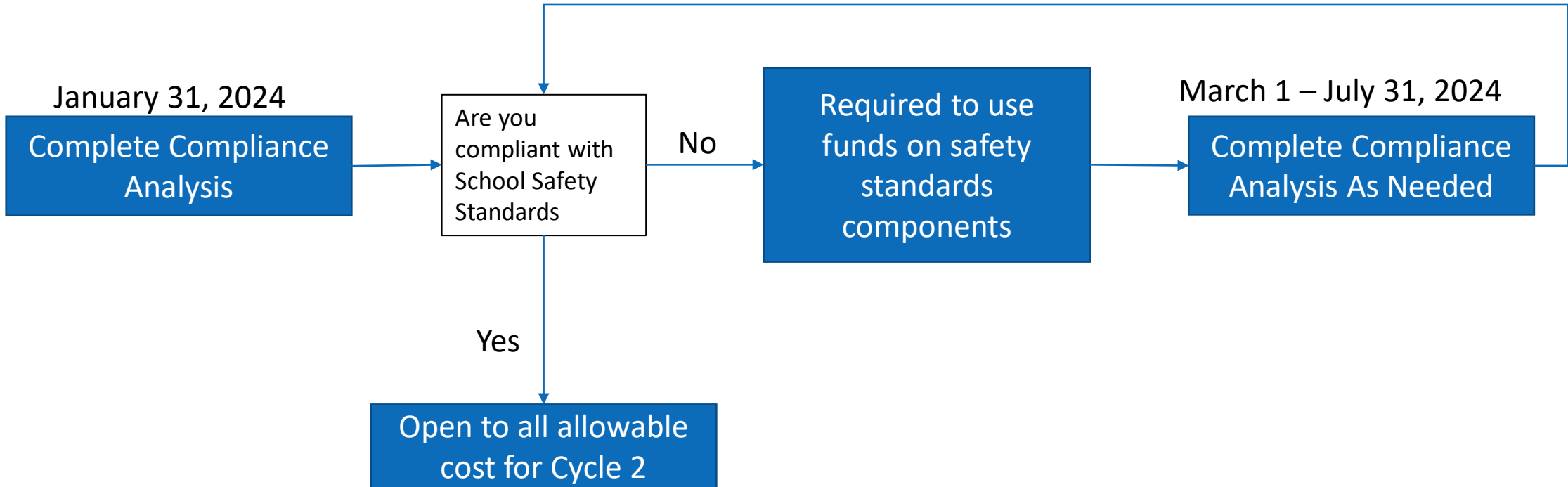
Tier 2 Allowable Costs

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 evidence-based 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](#)

Cycle 2 Compliance to Funding Logic



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.
- The information displayed on the IDA School Safety Dashboard will contain the official grant funding allowable costs based on the compliance of the LEA.
- TEA will re-open the Compliance Assessment starting March 28, 2024.
 - LEAs can update their compliance status for each component of the minimum safety standard.
 - LEAs will not be able to lower their compliance status once Provisional Compliance or Full Compliance is designated.

Compliance Assessment – Update

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

Exterior Doors	Glass Exterior Doors (Reinforcement)	Windows Adjacent to Exterior Doors	Emergency Responder Access	Communications Infrastructure	Silent Panic Technology	Exterior Door Numbering	Armed Security Officer Required	Classroom Telephones	Safety and Security Committee meetings	Threat Assessment Training	Emergency Response Map (and walk-through)	Posting of Child Abuse Hotline Information	Traumatic Injury Response Protocol
Full	Determining Needs	Determining Needs	Awaiting Bids	Determining Needs	Determining Needs	Provisional	Good Cause Exception	Compliant	2 of the 3 Meetings	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant



Awaiting Bids > Provisional > Full

Grant Reporting Requirement

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

Performance and Evaluation Measures

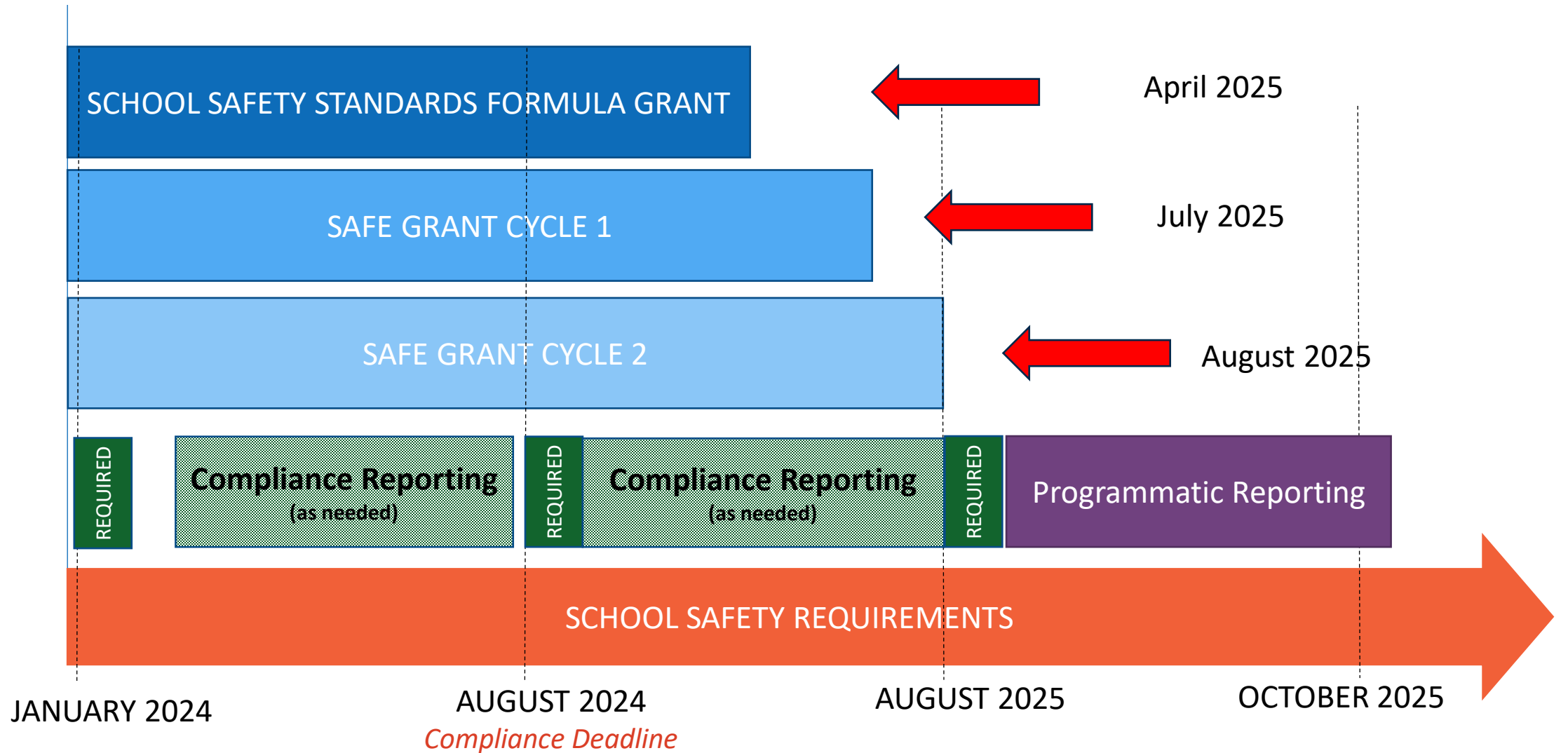
The applicant agrees to collect data and report on the following mandatory performance and evaluation measures:

- The applicant agrees to collect and report performance and expenditure data in a timeline as required by TEA.

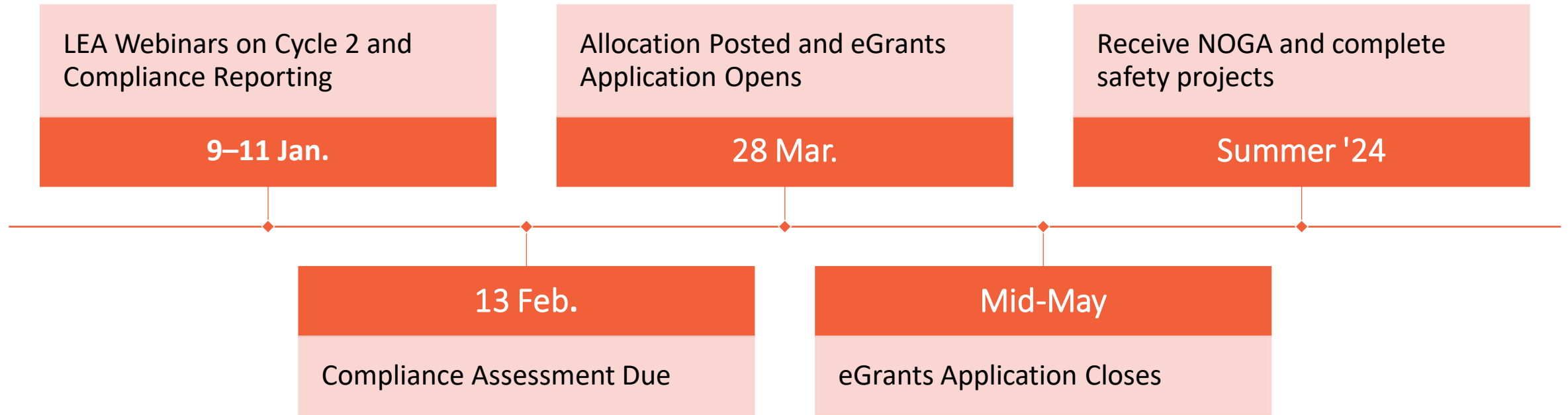
Limits on Contracted Evaluators

When applicable, applicants should make every effort to ensure that contracted evaluators be independent and objective.

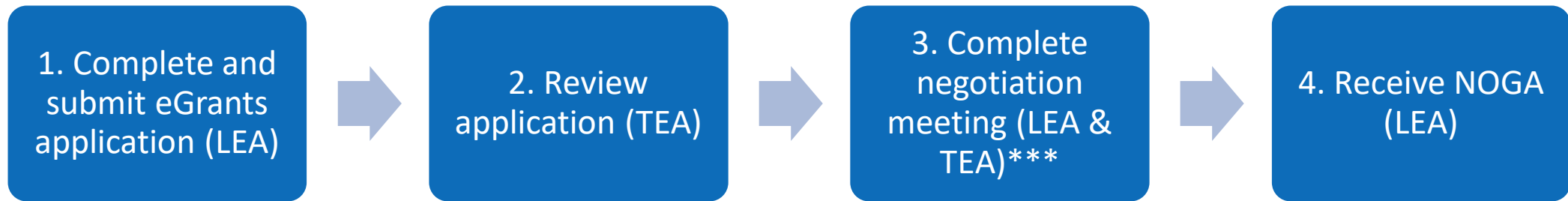
Grant and Compliance Timelines



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 the [TEC §48.115](#) (i.e., School Safety Allotment). Some of the most common answers are armed security, two-way 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 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.
 - March 27th (Register [HERE](#))
 - April 10th (Register [HERE](#))
 - April 24th (Register [HERE](#))
 - May 8th (Register [HERE](#))
 - Cycle 2 Webinar Encore – Tuesday, April 9th at 3pm (Register [HERE](#)).
- TEA will post webinar recording and Cycle 2 FAQs by 3/8.



Q&A



THANK YOU

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