

SREB

Continuing the Texas Enhanced HSTW/MMGW Network in Troubling Financial Times

Webinar

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SREB **Begin with two positives – IT WORKS**

- Two Case Studies
 - Five Years of the Texas Enhanced HSTW Network – A look at Cohorts 1 and 2
 - Achievement gains of 23 schools (2 were alternative and do not get state scores) outpaced state high school averages – Passing, Commended and TSI Levels
 - Specific vignettes of schools
 - Charles Akins High School Case Study
 - Moved from bottom quartile in district to top quartile

SREB **Current Status**

- No continuation funding
 - HSTW Cohorts 1, 2, 3
 - MMGW Cohort 1
- Original Grant Funding continues
 - HSTW Cohort 4
 - College and Career Readiness Grants - MMGW

SREB Original Plans

- All schools would eventually transition into a more typical state network with very limited or no special funding support – Minimum of two cycles.
 - *HSTW* sites would use Perkins, HS Allotment, Title funds for continued support
 - *MMGW* sites would seek local funds for continued support

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SREB Six Step Process

1. Identify student problem
2. Conduct root cause analysis
3. Establish goals
4. Determine actions
5. Implement steps
6. Analyze results

NOTE: Then find funding that matches your problem, goals or root causes

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SREB Minimum Support

- Four Priority Areas
 - Professional Development
 - Coaching Support
 - Continuous Improvement
 - *HSTW/MMGW* Assessment

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SREB Your Challenge

- Determine a problem
- Use the six step process
- Determine the support you need
- Build the plan of support with SREB
- Find the funding

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SREB Support Area I: Professional Development Options

Select minimum of one:

- Texas State *HSTW/MMGW* Conference (4)
- *HSTW/MMGW* Summer Staff Development Conference (4)
- One *HSTW/MMGW* National Workshop (2) or Webinar Series
- Texas *HSTW/MMGW* Guidance Support
- On-site Professional Development to meet needs (1 day)

NOTE: Do you have other funds that might pay for this work?

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SREB Area II: Coaching Support

- School Improvement Coaching
 - Quarterly – 4
 - Two per Quarter - 8
 - Monthly – 12
 - Four per Quarter – 16
 - Two times per month – 24
- **NOTE:** Can you focus coaching and use other funds – e.g. Safe and Drug Free Schools Money for Guidance/Advisement

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SREB **Area III: Continuous Improvement**

- Site Development Workshop Refresher
- Technical Assistance Visit/Technical Review Visit
- Texas Leadership Academy (Virtual)

NOTE: Can be used as a Professional Development Needs Assessment

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SREB **Area IV: HSTW/MMGW Assessment**

- NAEP-referenced Assessment
- Faculty Survey
- Student Survey
- Transcript Analysis *
- January 2012
- Minimum of 60 or all

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SREB **Questions/Ideas**

- Talk or type in responses

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SREB Using What You Already Have

- Booster club funds – Donation to the school, \$1000 per booster club to support improving teaching and learning
- PTA / PTO fund raiser to support quality teaching initiatives
- Activity funds (careful on this one)
- Departmental budget, \$1500 from each core area, \$2000 from CTE, \$2000 from district office or campus administration.

SREB Potential Funding Sources

- State funds – SB1 includes grant funding for programs to increase graduation and college readiness
- Local funds
- Title/Federal Funds
- Public Grants – Very limited
- Private Grants – Address specific problems and actions

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- **Communities Foundation of Texas** - Interested in supporting STEM programs and initiatives
<http://www.cf texas.org>
- **The Gregory Fund** - Funded projects in the areas of: arts and humanities; civic and public affairs; education; health; international and religious issues; science; and social services. Grants have ranged from \$1,500 to \$22,500. Most grants are made for Texas projects. The foundation prefers a letter sent as an initial approach. There are no deadlines. Contact information: Judy Cook, The Gregory Fund, Texas Commerce Bank, NA, PO Box 2558, Houston, TX 77252-8037, (713) 216-4649

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- **Educate to Innovate** - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/09/16/president-obama-announce-major-expansion-educate-innovate-campaign-impro> President Obama has launched an "Educate to Innovate" campaign to improve the participation and performance of America's students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).
- **Leland Fikes Foundation (Texas)**
The foundation is interested in funding arts and humanities; civic and public affairs; education; environment; health issues; and many other areas. Grants typically range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Application guidelines are available from Nancy J. Solana, Vice President, Leland Fikes Foundation, 3050 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard, Suite 3050, Dallas, TX 75201-6696, (214) 220-1011

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- **BROWN FOUNDATION** - Brown Foundation's current emphasis is on public education in Texas. It also focuses on community service projects that meet the needs of youth. The foundation accepts applications year-round. Contact The Brown Foundation, Inc., Nancy Pittman, Executive Director, P. O. Box 130646, Houston, TX 77219-0646; Phone: (713) 523-6867 bfi@brownfoundation.org.
- **Bank of America Foundation** - The Bank of America Foundation funds education projects; particularly those that deal with financial education, teacher preparation and certification, and literacy. Visit Bank of America Foundation's Web site for more information: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation>

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- **Corning Incorporated Foundation** - The Corning Incorporated Foundation develops and administers projects in support of educational and selected national organizations. Corning's areas of involvement in education have included community service programs for students, curriculum enrichment, and instructional technology projects. Grants are primarily made toward initiatives which improve the quality of life in and near locations where Corning Incorporated is an active corporate citizen (includes Texas).
- **Hewlett Packard (HP)** - Nonprofits or individual K-12 schools can apply for HP grants through their local contributions program. Every major HP site sets aside an annual per-employee allowance for support of local schools and nonprofit agencies. Average grants for equipment are from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Cash grants are typically from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Proposal deadlines are October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1. http://webcenter.hp.com/grants/us/local_programs.html#A.

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- **Intel Foundation** - Intel Corporation generally donates to organizations in areas where local Intel offices are including Arizona, California, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington. Giving priorities vary by state so it is vital that you take a look at the particular programs supported in your area. In addition to the state-level grants, Intel also supports programs that have national impact.
- **Koch Industries** - Koch Industries supports educational programs in its vast number of operating communities. Koch tends to support programs that encourage the application of economic and scientific principles to problem solving. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Koch will also partner with local schools and groups. There is no deadline for funding requests.
- **K-12 Educators/National Science Foundation** - <http://www.nsf.gov/>

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- **Meadows Foundation** (Texas only)
Foundation grants support work in the fields of arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health and human services. The board has a particular interest in imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans which enable projects to flourish. It looks to support projects which eliminate ignorance, alleviate pain and hopelessness, provide cultural enrichment, protect the environment, enhance social skills and promote better human relations and educator/administrator preparation. Grant applications for specific programs or projects, capital projects or, less often, general operations are considered. The Foundation's Web site includes grant guidelines and an online application form. There are no deadlines.

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SREB Perkins

- Using Perkins money for HSTW aligns to the mission of Perkins IV.
- There are two administrations of Perkins funding. One begins July 1. Reallocation funds now: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147496917>
- Work with central office in advance and ask for some of the funds for school improvement.
- Ask again before all funds must be expended by June 30.

SREB **How One District Did It**

- Irving ISD
- Self-funded Irving HS involvement in HSTW at full grant level
- Where did the money come from? How did they do it?
- Shawn Blessing, CTE Director

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SREB **Middle School-Possible Funding Sources**

1. Parent-Teacher organizations (PTO,PTA, Booster Clubs) could possibly help fund
2. District foundations
3. Possible Title I and II Funds
4. Perkins Funds
5. Work with the district office and shift professional development funds to the campus in lieu of district PD
6. Request funds from local business partners

SREB **Federal Funds**

- Most federal funds must be expended by June 30. Sometimes central office personnel hold funds for expenditures such as repair or funds are not depleted since expenses may be lower than expected. Ask repeatedly.
- Ask to be part of the planning process for budgeting for federal funds.

SREB Information

- Join list serves to find out when new grants are announced.
- TEA - <http://miller.tea.state.tx.us/list/>
- There is a menu of mailing lists.
- Lists with funds include: AP/IB, CTE, Bilingual/ESL,
 - College Preparation, Counselors, Grant Announcements, Special Education, Title IV, Title I.
- To research grant opportunities – check <http://burleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx>

SREB Possible Funding Uses

- Special Education – RTI – Use SREB to focus on redo, extra help, etc.
- Consider GT or AP/IB funds for working on rigor or teaching strategies.
- ESL – Campus-wide Literacy Programs
- Safe & Drug Free – Guidance & Advisement Program

SREB Education Department

- Federal Register Notices – Includes Grants
- <http://www2.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announcements/index.html>
- Some federal grants are not announced through TEA
 - Magnet School Assistance Program
 - Smaller Learning Communities
 - Literacy

SREB **One Final Reminder**

- Do not forget to use the Democratic Process!

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