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8(g) Grant Programs

8(g) Competitive Grant Program

Competitive projects identify exemplary and innovative programs designed to improve elementary and secondary student achievement or vocational-technical skill. The competitive allocation funds those innovative programs ranked highest by grant readers, which are designed by school-level personnel to enhance academic achievement or vocational-technical skill in public and approved nonpublic K-12 schools as well as special state schools.

Allocations are based on enrollment figures, and public and nonpublic systems are divided into three categories: small, medium, and large agencies. Each system is limited to a certain number of submissions according to its allocation category. Large agencies may submit 15 proposals per system. Medium agencies may submit 10 proposals per system, and small agencies may submit 5 per system. Independent schools may submit one proposal per school. In all categories, no more than one proposal will be accepted from each individual school. Projects are funded on an annual basis with a maximum of three years of funding.

Competitive grant guidelines and application packets are published in December of each year, and proposals are due in February. Those interested in seeking 8(g) competitive funding can contact the BESE office for the guidelines or visit the BESE link on the Department of Education web-site.

BESE members appoint independent readers and project evaluators to evaluate the proposals and the implemented projects. Proposals are rated according to their overall design, projected outcomes, needs assessment, and general adherence to the published guidelines. Competitive grants are awarded in May of each year, and are implemented during the following fiscal year. Project evaluators review the programs' general effectiveness and impact on student achievement.



Funding Methods

The allocation of 8(g) Funds in the annual program and budget shall be weighted by the emphasis on goals and priorities, and the impact shall be reflected in the method of allocation selected: competitive, block, and statewide projects.

8(g) Student Enhancement Block Grant Program

The Elementary/Secondary Block Grant Program provides funds for projects that serve as catalysts for student academic or vocational-technical skill improvement. Participants select from designated focus areas in accordance with local priorities. Eligible participants are limited to public and nonpublic systems, public independent schools, and nonpublic independent schools meeting eligibility requirements.

Block grant guidelines and application packets are published in the spring, and proposals are due for BESE approval in the fall. Based on a per pupil allocation, eligible systems and schools receive block grant funding according to enrollment figures from the previous year. Agencies may not apply for block grant funds for the same project in the same school at the same grade level for more than four consecutive years unless it is for a pre-kindergarten block grant program.

Selected block grant projects are evaluated by independent evaluators appointed by BESE. Evaluators conduct site visits to the schools being served and report on the strengths and weaknesses of the program design as well as the impact on student learning.

8(g) Statewide Grant Program

The Statewide Projects are administered by state agencies, usually the Department of Education, to provide goods (such as calculators), services (such as staff development), or flow-through dollars to schools or school systems. The projects target specific participants and/or focus on common goals determined by the administering agency. Some statewide projects are implemented on a pilot basis with selected sites, while others impact large numbers of schools and students throughout Louisiana.

Independent evaluators, contracted by BESE, conduct visits to local project sites around the state. Evaluators interview teachers, administrators, and central office supervisors to determine how well the project is operating and whether it is making a difference. Each project receives a rating from 0-150 indicating its compliance with the constitutional category under which it operates, its adherence to timelines, its appropriateness of activities, and its evidence of impact at the local level.

Each year BESE allocates a certain percentage of the overall 8(g) budget for the statewide grant program, and the projects and budgets are approved by BESE. The agencies administering the Statewide Projects have their own system for funding as well as identifying and notifying participants, and districts or independent schools apply directly to these agencies for program guidelines and funding methods.

Section I: 2008-2009 Annual Program and Budget by Grant Program, Constitutional Category and Education Initiative

approved january 17, 2008

I. COMPETITIVE ALLOCATION (7.8%) \$3,200,000

- A. Constitutional Category:**
Exemplary programs in elementary and secondary schools designed to improve student academic achievement or vocational-technical skill

Initiative: Content Standards

Focus Areas:

1. Projects will address the grade-level expectations (GLEs) and/or a comprehensive curriculum using innovative instructional strategies in the following areas:
 - K-12 English/Language Arts
 - K-12 Math
 - K-12 Science
 - K-12 Social Studies
 - K-12 Multiple Content Areas (ELA, Math, Science and/or Social Studies)

II. BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION (42.0%) \$17,199,154

- A. Constitutional Category:**
School remediation and preschool programs

Initiatives: Early Childhood, Remediation

Focus Areas:

1. Pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds.
2. Remediation for students unsuccessful on high stakes testing and/or unable to keep up with their peers.

III. STATEWIDE GRANT ALLOCATION (48.0%) \$19,682,000

- A. Constitutional Categories:**
Exemplary programs in elementary and secondary schools designed to improve student academic achievement or vocational-technical skill

Initiatives: Content Standards, Quality Educators, Secondary School Reform

1. Elementary/Secondary Projects
 - a Louisiana Virtual School (LDE) \$2,500,000
 - b. Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence (BESE) \$100,000

2. Professional Development Projects

a. State-Level Teacher Quality Efforts

i. LaSIP Professional Development (LaSIP)	\$500,000
ii. TAP: Teacher Advancement Program (LDE)	\$1,800,000
iii. Louisiana FIRST Online (LDE)	\$400,000
iv. Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction (LDE)	\$450,000
v. National Teacher Certification Program (LDE)	\$500,000
vi. Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative (LDE)	\$300,000

b. Local-Level Teacher Quality Efforts

i. Local Teacher Quality (LDE)	\$1,600,000
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B. Constitutional Category:

Research or pilot programs designed to improve elementary or secondary student academic achievement

Initiatives: Student Assessment, Secondary School Reform, Quality Educators, Reading

1. LEAP for the 21st Century (LDE)	\$2,850,000
2. Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative (LDE)	\$5,000,000*
3. LA ePortal (BoR)	\$242,000
4. High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative (LDE)	\$2,000,000
5. Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program (LDE)	\$1,000,000

C. Constitutional Category:

Insure an adequate supply of superior textbooks, library books, equipment, and other instructional materials

Initiative: Content Standards

1. Academic Enhancement of BESE Special Schools (LSD, LSVI, SEC, SSD1)	\$140,000
2. Enhancement of the LA Instructional Material Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (LSVI)	\$100,000
3. Superior Textbooks (LDE)	\$0*

D. Constitutional Category:

The teaching of foreign languages in elementary and secondary schools

Initiative: Content Standards

1. Foreign Language Model Program (LDE)	\$200,000
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IV. MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT (2.2%)

\$918,846

TOTAL

\$41,000,000

*The Board reserves the option to reallocate up to \$250,000 from the Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative to Superior Textbooks provided that the Board makes a specific determination that the Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative can be implemented with a reduced allocation.

Section II: Alphabetical Quick-List of 8(g) Grant Projects by Administering Agency

8(g) Projects Administered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

8(g) Elementary/Secondary Competitive Grant Projects
8(g) Student Enhancement Block Grant Projects
Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence

8(g) Projects Administered by the Louisiana Department of Education

Foreign Language Model
High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative
LEAP for the 21st Century
Local Teacher Quality
Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction
Louisiana FIRST Online
Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative
Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program
Louisiana Virtual School
National Teacher Certification Program
Quality Classroom Literacy and Numeracy Support Initiative
TAP: Teacher Advancement Program

8(g) Projects Administered by Other State Agencies

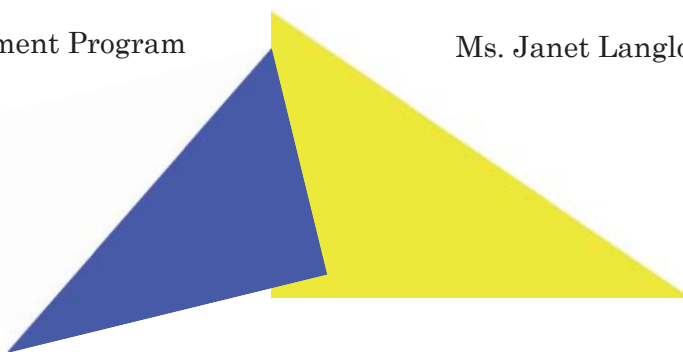
Academic/Vocational Enhancement of BESE Special Schools
-Louisiana School for the Deaf
-Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
-Special Education Center
-BESE Special School District I
Enhancement of the Louisiana Instructional Material Center for the Blind
and Visually Impaired
-Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired
LA ePortal
-Board of Regents
LaSIP Professional Development Program
-Louisiana Systemic Initiative Program (LaSIP)

8(g) Grant Projects Available to Nonpublic Systems and Nonpublic Independent Schools

- 8(g) Competitive Grants
- 8(g) Student Enhancement Block Grants
- LA ePortal
- Local Teacher Quality
- Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative
- Louisiana Virtual School
- National Teacher Certification Program

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-La. School for the Deaf	Ms. Linda Thomas	(225) 757-3204
-La. School for the Visually Impaired	Mr. Jim Roomsburg	(225) 342-8694
-Special Education Center	Ms. JoLynn McConley	(318) 487-5484
-BESE Special School District 1	Ms. Kalyn Young	(225) 342-1342
Enhancement of the LA Instructional Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Mr. Jim Roomsburg	(225) 342-8694
Foreign Language Model	Ms. Terri Hammatt	(225) 342-3181
High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative	Ms. Kathy Mouton	(225) 219-4441
LA ePortal	Dr. Lisa Vosper	(225) 342-4253
LaSIP Professional Development	Ms. Lynne Tullos	(225) 219- 0690
LEAP for the 21st Century	Dr. Bernadette Morris	(225) 342-3412
Local Teacher Quality	Ms. Janice Zube	(225) 342-3527
Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction	Ms. Lionel Johnson, Jr.	(225) 763-8595
Louisiana FIRST Online	Ms. Mary Ann Harmon	(225) 342-3435
Louisiana Online Profesional Development Initiative	Ms. Ernise Singleton	(225) 763-5575
Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program	Ms. Sheila Guidry	(225) 763-8598
Louisiana Virtual School	Mr. Allen Grant	(225) 763-5575
Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence	Ms. Jeanette Vosburg	(225) 342-8728
National Teacher Certification Program	Ms. Lisa Brochard	(225) 342-3375
Quality Classroom Literacy and Numeracy Support Initiative	Dr. Kerry Laster	(225) 342-0716
TAP: Teacher Advancement Program	Ms. Janet Langlois	(225) 342-2059



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-La. School for the Visually Impaired	jroomsburg@lsvi.org
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-BESE Special School District 1	kalyn.young@la.gov
Enhancement of the LA Instructional Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired	jroomsburg@lsvi.org
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High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative	kathy.mouton@la.gov
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Louisiana FIRST Online	maryann.harmon@la.gov
Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction	lionel.johnson@la.gov
Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative	ernise.singleton@la.gov
Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program	sheila.guidry@la.gov
Louisiana Virtual School	allen.grant@la.gov
Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence	jeanette.vosburg@la.gov
National Teacher Certification Program	lisa.brochard@la.gov
Quality Classroom Literacy and Numeracy Support Initiative	kerry.laster@la.gov
TAP: Teacher Advancement Program	janet.langlois@la.gov

Section V: Alphabetical Narrative Explanations of 8(g) Grant Projects, Contact Information and Allocations

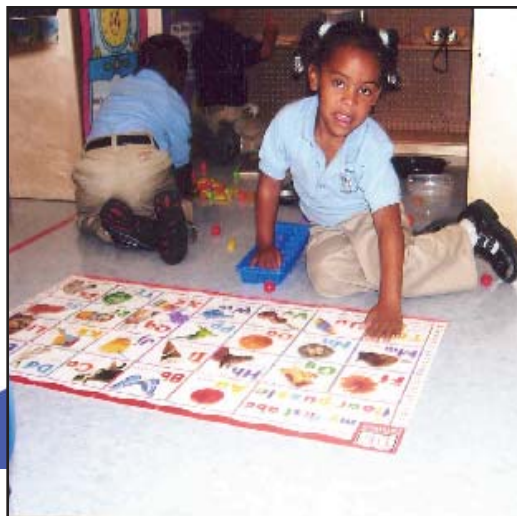
8(g) Competitive Grant Projects

On a competitive basis, BESE funds those innovative projects, ranked highest by independent readers, that have been designed by school-level personnel to enhance academic achievement or vocational-technical skill. Projects must address the grade-level expectations (GLEs) and/or a comprehensive curriculum using innovative instructional strategies in the following areas: K-12 English/Language Arts, K-12 Math, K-12 Science, K-12 Social Studies, or K-12 Multiple Content Areas (ELA, math, science, and/or social studies).

Administering Agency:
BESE

Contacts:
Ms. Jeanette Vosburg
Ms. Janie Johnson
Ms. Robyn Jenkins
(225) 342-8728

2008-2009 Allocation:
\$3,200,000



8(g) Block Grant Projects

On a per pupil basis, BESE provides funds to systems/schools for the implementation of preschool or school remediation projects. Projects must focus on Prekindergarten for at-risk four-year-olds or remediation for students in any grades K-12 unsuccessful on high stakes testing and/or unable to keep with their peers.

Administering Agency:
BESE

Contacts:
Ms. Jeanette Vosburg
Ms. Janie Johnson
Ms. Robyn Jenkins
(225) 342-8728

2008-2009 Allocation:
\$17,199,154



8(g) Statewide Programs

Academic/Vocational Enhancement of BESE Special Schools

BESE promotes student learning in academic/vocational areas by providing specialized learning systems and specialized equipment to improve competency-based instruction and vocational skills development for students at the Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, the Special Education Center, and the Special School District 1. Funds are allocated equitably to these four agencies. (\$35,000 each)

Administering Agencies: LSVI, LSD, SEC, SSD1

Contacts: (LSVI) Mr. Jim Roomsburg / (225) 342-8694

(LSD) Ms. Linda Thomas / (225) 757-3204

(SEC) Ms. Jolyn McConley / (225) 487-5484

(SSD1) Ms. Kalyn Young / (225) 342-1242

2008-2009 Allocation: \$140,000

Enhancement of the LA Instructional Material Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This program is designed to provide specialized materials needed by registered patrons throughout the state.

Administering Agency: LSVI

Contact: Mr. Jim Roomsburg / (225) 342-8694

2008-2009 Allocation: \$100,000

Foreign Language Model Program

BESE provides funding for teacher in-service, evaluation, curriculum development and related services for the Foreign Language Model Program. The funds support technical services for the BESE-mandated elementary foreign language requirement of 30 minutes of daily instruction for academically-able students in grades 4 - 8. Services include recruiting foreign associate teachers and developing curriculum guides and other instructional materials. This program also includes international agreements negotiated through CODOFIL.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education

Contact: Ms. Terri Hammett / (225) 342-3815

2008-2009 Allocation: \$200,000

High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative

This program will build upon the work and recommendations of the High School Redesign Commission and will specifically focus on ways to make the transition of students into the 9th grade more successful. This grant will provide high schools in the state of Louisiana the opportunity to address the needs of ninth grade students. Intended to be a 3-year initiative, this program will provide sub-grants to approximately 40-50 high schools that will begin with planning and initial implementation of 9th grade redesign strategies and move into full-fledged implementation in subsequent years of funding.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Kathy Mouton / (225) 219-4441
2008-2009 Allocation: \$2,000,000

LA ePortal

BESE provides monetary support for the LA ePortal developed jointly by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education. The LA ePortal was developed to provide a means by which a secondary student can plan and monitor his or her academic progress from middle school through high school and into postsecondary education and/or the workforce. The web-based interface serves as an educational and career planning tool that facilitates academic and career pursuits to assist citizens in the many transitions they will encounter as they navigate the lifelong learning continuum. Through the ePortal, students can: create and/or update five year plans online; build portfolios and resumes; explore career clusters, view career videos; tour colleges online; review college admissions; plan for the Regents core and the new LA Core 4; get TOPS information; research financial aid; study with free test prep; connect to ACT & SAT information; take pathway ready career preparation assessments; make use of salary calculators; and browse online career fairs.

Administering Agency: Board of Regents
Contact: Dr. Lisa Vosper / (225) 342-4253
2008-2009 Allocation: \$242,000

LaSIP Professional Development Program

LaSIP's signature effort remains sustained, content-driven, university-led, professional development for mathematics, science, and English language arts teachers. Based on research, the mission of LaSIP remains to improve student learning through professional development that enhances the content-based knowledge, content-specific teacher-made assessments, and skills of teachers particularly in the areas of mathematics, literacy, and science and to institutionalize these reforms at the school and district levels by supporting communities of practice that offer opportunities for teachers' dialogues and reflections.

Administering Agency: LaSIP
Contact: Ms. Lynne Tullos / (225) 219-0690
2008-2009 Allocation: \$500,000

Leap for the 21st Century

BESE provides monetary support for the criterion-reference (LEAP and GEE) test component for Louisiana's public schools. This project gives policymakers current and longitudinal measures of student achievement at the state level, as well as providing individual diagnostic student-level results and school- and district-level results. This program will also facilitate the development and implementation of the Enhanced Assessment of Grade-Level Expectations (EAGLE) and End-of-Course tests.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Morris / (225) 342-3412
2008-2009 Allocation: \$2,850,000

Local Teacher Quality

This program provides financial assistance to targeted high-need local education agencies (LEAs), public independent schools, and eligible nonpublic schools/systems for the specific purpose of increasing the number of teachers with standard state certification and increasing the number of teachers meeting the NCLB/IDEA highly qualified teacher requirements. Efforts will be focused on those systems with high numbers/percentages of uncertified teachers and/or teachers who are not highly qualified. This program supports the regional certification counselors who are responsible for providing direct assistance to districts and teachers to address the shortage of certified teachers, provide certification counseling, and assistance to teachers on non-standard certifications. The regional certification counselors are responsible for reviewing college transcripts, identifying possible pathways to certification, identifying available funding streams to support the teachers.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Janice Zube / (225) 342-3527
2008-2009 Allocation: \$1,600,000

Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction

This BESE-supported program is designed to build administrative, instructional, and professional knowledge and skills of newly appointed administrators. The program has expanded induction efforts for newly appointed administrators by impacting Assistant Principals/Administrative Assistants, Principals, and district-level administrators (Curriculum Supervisors, Supervisors of Special Education, Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisors, etc.). The major components of the program focus on the school improvement process, school accountability and linking leadership proficiency and skill to productive schools and enhanced student achievement.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Mr. Lionel Johnson, Jr./ (225) 763-8595
2008-2009 Allocation: \$450,000

Louisiana FIRST Online

This program provides targeted induction and support to new teachers in an asynchronous environment. It promotes consistency and equity through common teaching/learning experiences and individual mentoring by state-trained and supported mentors. It creates virtual learning communities for new teachers that are facilitated by experienced mentors. It allows for flexible, teacher-centered support. Louisiana FIRST structures specific induction opportunities to help teachers transition into teaching. District and university partnerships will be used to assist hard-to-staff districts and regions, and E-Mentoring will promote online professional development and support.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Mary Ann Harmon / (225) 342-3435
2008-2009 Allocation: \$400,000

Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative

This BESE - 8(g) supported program is designed to support teachers and educational leaders statewide by providing content-rich professional development opportunities, delivered via the web, that explore the potential of online learning communities. The program will help participants relate to professional development and student learning through collaborative learning experiences, adapted to provide flexible/convenient learning. The OPD Initiative will provide for a coordinated series of online professional development experiences that address state-mandated CLUs, GLEs, and the Comprehensive Curriculum, in particular, as it relates to mandated End of Course exams. This initiative will be closely tied to high school redesign efforts and to the state's special education and reading efforts.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Ernise Singleton / (225) 763-5575
2008-2009 Allocation: \$300,000

Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program

The Leaders for Louisiana Schools: Turn-Around Specialists Program is a leadership development program that borrows heavily from the corporate world. It is designed to strengthen the organizational and instructional leadership skills of currently certified and experienced principals so as to prepare them to lead low-performing schools to higher student achievement. The program incorporates units on strategic planning, team building, and change management and is taught through face-to-face summer and school-year seminars, online coursework, simulations, and case studies. The Louisiana Department of Education will work with a national expert consultant to develop a Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program in partnership with a local institution of higher education.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Sheila Guidry / (225) 763-8598
2008-2009 Allocation: \$1,000,000

Louisiana Virtual School

This program provides BESE-approved curriculum courses required for graduation, university admissions, and TOPS to students who otherwise might not have access to these courses. Courses are also used for recovery credit and/or “catch-up” purposes, to alleviate scheduling conflicts, and to extend dual enrollment and AP course offerings to students across the state. In addition, access to high quality teachers is provided to students who do not have access to a certified teacher in the particular subject area. This initiative uses new and emerging technologies to provide learning opportunities that are effective, successful, and aligned to students’ needs.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Mr. Allen Grant / (225) 763-5575
2008-2009 Allocation: \$2,500,000

Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence

BESE provides funds to match earnings from local endowment funds for teacher grants and school impact grants for innovative and creative ways to impact student achievement. The program serves four Local Education Agencies that are in their second cycle of participation.

Administering Agency: BESE
Contact: Ms. Jeanette Vosburg / (225) 342-8728
2008-2009 Allocation: \$100,000

National Teacher Certification Program

The primary goal of this program is to encourage and support qualified candidates to seek National Board Certification (NBC) by providing funds to assist in the payment of the required application fee for first-time candidates. This program provides high quality professional development and sustained support to teachers seeking NBC certification and to those exploring the process through the Take One!™ Initiative. The program reaches out to rural, high needs districts/schools through cohorts of teachers supporting each other through the Take One!™ process. It has the potential to target areas of need (e.g., special education teachers) and assist districts/schools in building the capacity of teachers in high poverty schools. This program also provides an opportunity for teachers to meet requirements for the NCLB highly qualified status.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education
Contact: Ms. Lisa Brochard / (225) 342-3375
2008-2009 Allocation: \$500,000

Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative (LDE)

This statewide initiative is designed to substantially increase student achievement in reading and writing. This program is part of a larger statewide pilot, *Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All*, that in subsequent years will be expanded to include numeracy. The state's initiative will focus on the youngest learners in grades K-4, providing a foundation for all future learning and an economical approach to guaranteeing that Louisiana's students can compete successfully with students in the world. It will build upon scientifically-based Reading First and Louisiana Literacy Pilot efforts, focusing on quality classroom instruction, and will be used primarily for professional development and literacy coaches.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education

Contact: Dr. Kerry Laster / (225) 342-0716

2008-2009 Allocation: \$5,000,000

TAP: Teacher Advancement Program

TAP (Teacher Advancement Program) is designed to draw talented people to the teaching profession and retain them in the classroom by making the teaching profession more attractive and rewarding. The overarching goal of TAP is to strengthen teacher instructional capacity and increase student achievement. Under the TAP system, good teachers can advance professionally without leaving the classroom, where they are needed most. TAP facilitates and supports the professional development of teachers, provides them with opportunities to learn the most effective teaching strategies, holds them accountable for their classroom performance, and allows them to earn higher salaries. This statewide project will support a transition from "LINC'S to TAP," and it will support current TAP schools and the identification of new TAP schools.

Administering Agency: La. Dept. of Education

Contact: Ms. Janet Langlois / (225) 342-2059

2008-2009 Allocation: \$1,800,000

