Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

This grant program is the only federal initiative directed to transforming and strengthening higher education-based teacher preparation programs

2020 Fact Sheet

The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) Program supports the preparation of profession-ready teachers for high-need schools and subject areas. Under this program, teacher preparation programs use federal funding to transform undergraduate preservice teacher and school leader preparation programs or to develop master’s-level teaching residency programs.

Program Highlights

- Grantees are partnerships among institutions of higher education, high-need local education agencies, high-need schools, or other eligible entities that work together to develop a pipeline of profession ready teachers.
- Grantees are required to provide extensive, year-long clinical preparation to teacher candidates.
- Grantees must provide an induction program for at least the first two years of a graduate’s teaching career.
- Candidates participating in teaching residency programs commit to teaching for at least three years in a high-need field in the high-need district where they were prepared.
- All candidates are prepared to teach students with disabilities, to teach English language learners, and to teach literacy strategies.
- Grantees are expected to maintain the reforms even after funding ends, and they must provide a 100% funding match.

What Results Have TQP Grants Produced?

- Schools and school districts involved in TQP are seeing improvements in the quality and retention of their teachers and in the quality of their students’ learning experiences and achievements.
- TQP grants have funded significant professional development opportunities for teachers in high-need schools, meaningful induction/mentoring programs for novice teachers, and the implementation of evidence-based reforms in teacher preparation programs.
- Teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education have deepened their partnerships with their PK-12 colleagues and the communities that they serve.

Funding History (in millions)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>43.0</td>
<td>40.6</td>
<td>40.6</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>50.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please contact Jane West at jwest@aacte.org with questions or for more information.