EASI Cohort 10 2026-27- What's New to EASI?

Overview

The Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI) grant is entering Cohort 10 in 2026-27 and has approximately $16.5 million in funds available to eligible schools and districts. Each grant cycle, changes are made to improve the support, application process, and routes and services offered to eligible districts and schools. The following sections highlight the grant timeline and key changes and improvements made to the EASI grant since the previous grant cycle.

Grant Timeline

Activity	Date(s)
EASI Grant Application opens	Late September 2026
EASI Provider Kick-Off (registration link for providers)	October 15, 2026 11:00am-12:00pm
EASI Cohort 10 Kick-Off (registration link for EASI eligible school & district contacts)	October 21, 2026 11:00am-12:00pm
EASI Office Hours- District Designed & Led (registration link for potential DDL applicants)	October 29, 2026 11:00am-12:00pm
EASI Grant Application Closes	**December 2, 2026 at 4:00 pm**
EASI Grant- Review period	December-January
Award notifications	January 29, 2027
Post-award revisions	February 12, 2027

Key Changes to EASI Cohort 10

After each grant cycle, CDE gathers feedback from districts, schools, and staff on ways to improve the offerings and approach of the EASI grant. The table below highlights the key changes made to EASI for the 2026-27 grant cycle.

Key Change	Description & Details
Change **Funding Levels**	• Accountability Pathways returned to prior funding levels of $100,000 per eligible school or district
Change **CDE Advisory List of Providers**	• CDE Advisory List of Providers has been updated for 2026-27 • The 2026-27 RFI cycle was a full review cycle meaning all providers were required to reapply for service areas
Change **Targeted Professional**	• Targeted Professional Learning was added to the EASI menu in 2025-26 offering short-term support for school staff to attend an

Learning	approved targeted professional learning option (see CDE Advisory List of Providers) • Updated targeted focus areas of 3.1- Vision for Instruction and 3.3- Assessment Systems & Data Culture
Change **District Designed & Led Funding Cap**	• Previous cohorts limited the total District Designed & Led (DDL) awards per district to $1M • Funding cap increased for districts with 20 or more EASI-eligible schools to up to $1.2M in EASI Cohort 10 (2026-27 to 2028-29)
Discontinued **Foundations for Accelerated Improvement**	• Foundations for Accelerated Improvement has been discontinued as an EASI service offering • Current grantees from EASI Cohort 9 will continue through the awarded grant cycle, but no new grantees will be awarded in EASI Cohort 10