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FY 2027 Texas Family Place Libraries™ Grant

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FAMILY PLACE LIBRARIES™

National model for transforming public libraries into welcoming, developmentally appropriate early learning environments for young children, their parents, and caregivers

- Positions libraries as key early childhood and family support organizations within their local communities

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GRANT PURPOSE

Create a welcoming, family-centered environment to empower caregivers as they become their child's first teacher.

Provides funding for supplies, materials, and training for participating libraries to:

- Host workshops
- Develop physical Family Place space
- Create community partnerships

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Basic requirement

- TSLAC Accredited for the entirety of the grant program (3 years)
- Minimum of 2 qualified staff members be trained
    - Library administrator
    - One staff member that dedicates at least 25% of their time to the development and maintenance of the space

Sustaining an existing program?

- No need to apply!
- Simply notify the Youth Services Consultant

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AWARD INFORMATION

Up to ten (10) libraries may be chosen to receive:

Training: May 2027, Pflugerville Public Library

- 2 Qualified Staff Maximum
- Tuition
- Hotel Accommodations
- Meals while on site for training

Travel Reimbursement

- Up to $1,000 per person, determined by traveling distance/method

Reimbursement Award to Establish Location

- Up to $8,000
- **MUST** be spent by July 31

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TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

May be used for expenses accrued while traveling to the training institute site, including:

- Vehicle Mileage/Gas
- Flights
- Rental Vehicles
- Shuttles
- Tolls
- Parking Fees
- Meals While Traveling

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FUNDING

Federal funds

- Contract for Family Place™ training and ongoing consulting and support with Middle Country Public Library
  - Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
  - Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

State funds

Supplies/materials to create the Family Place™ space.

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BEFORE YOU APPLY, YOU WILL NEED…

- Support of governing authority
- Do your homework and have a plan
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (i.e., grant guidelines) https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/family-place/resources
- Grant Management System (GMS) access https://grants.tsl.texas.gov
  - If you need access, contact the Grants team at grants@tsl.texas.gov

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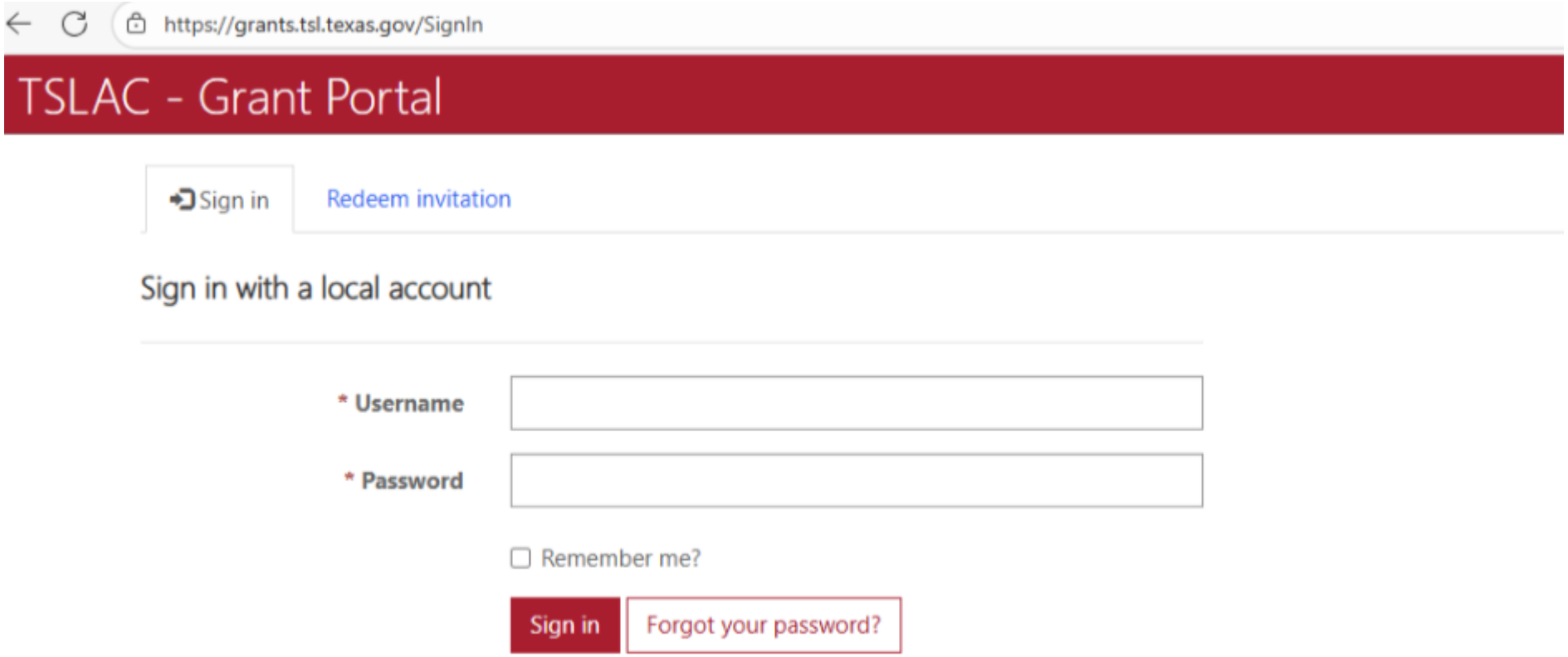
STARTING YOUR APPLICATION



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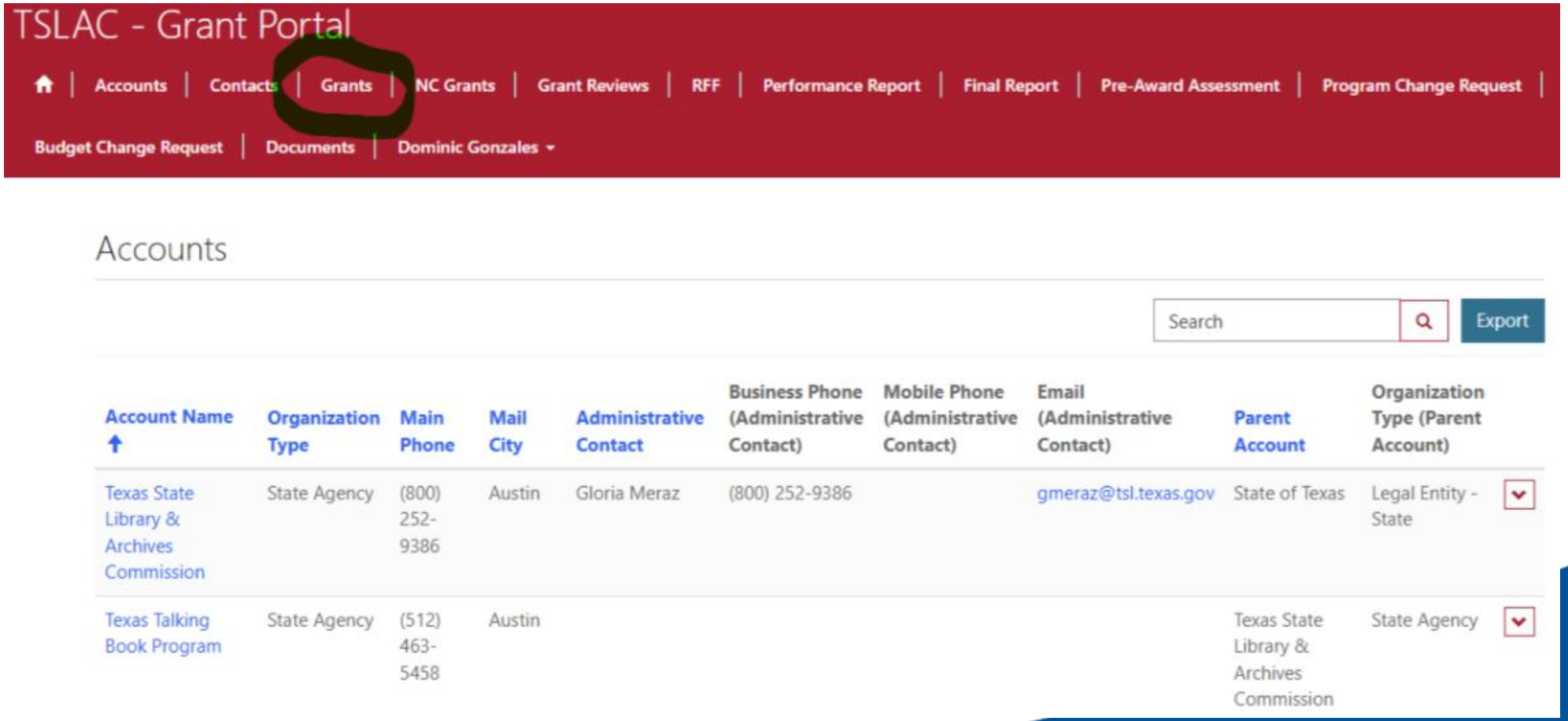

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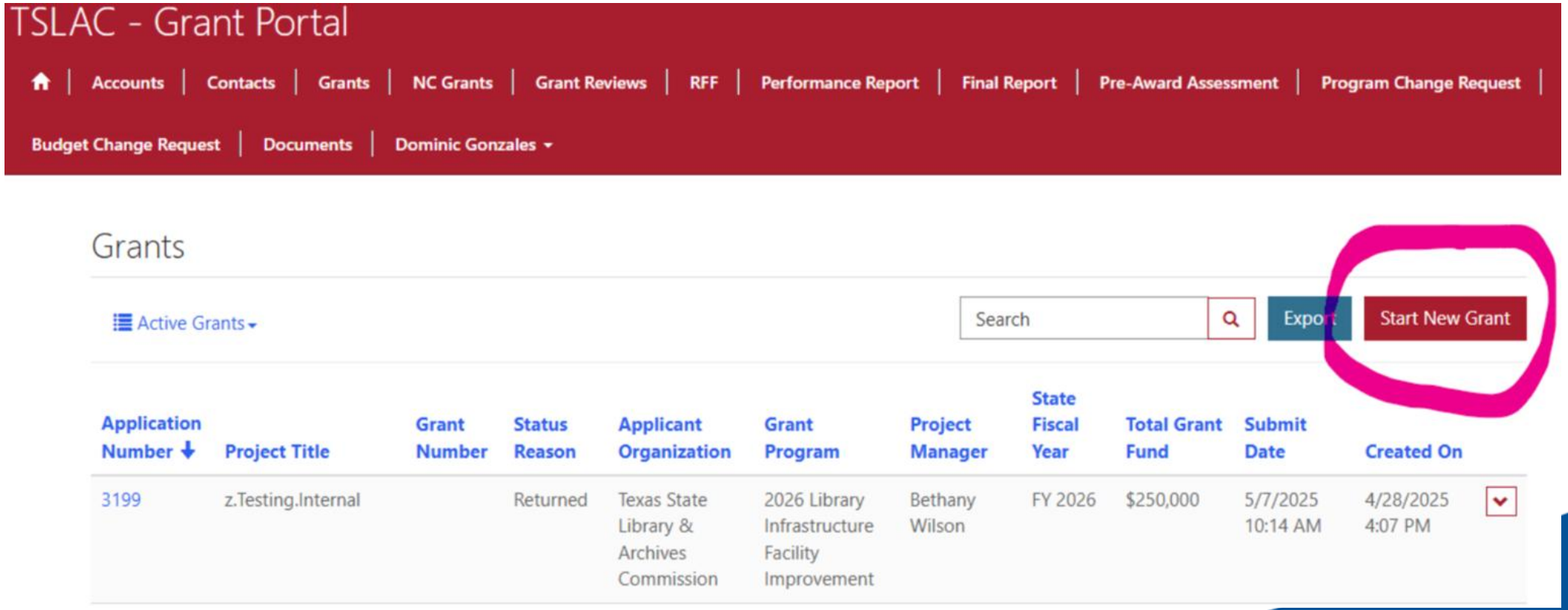

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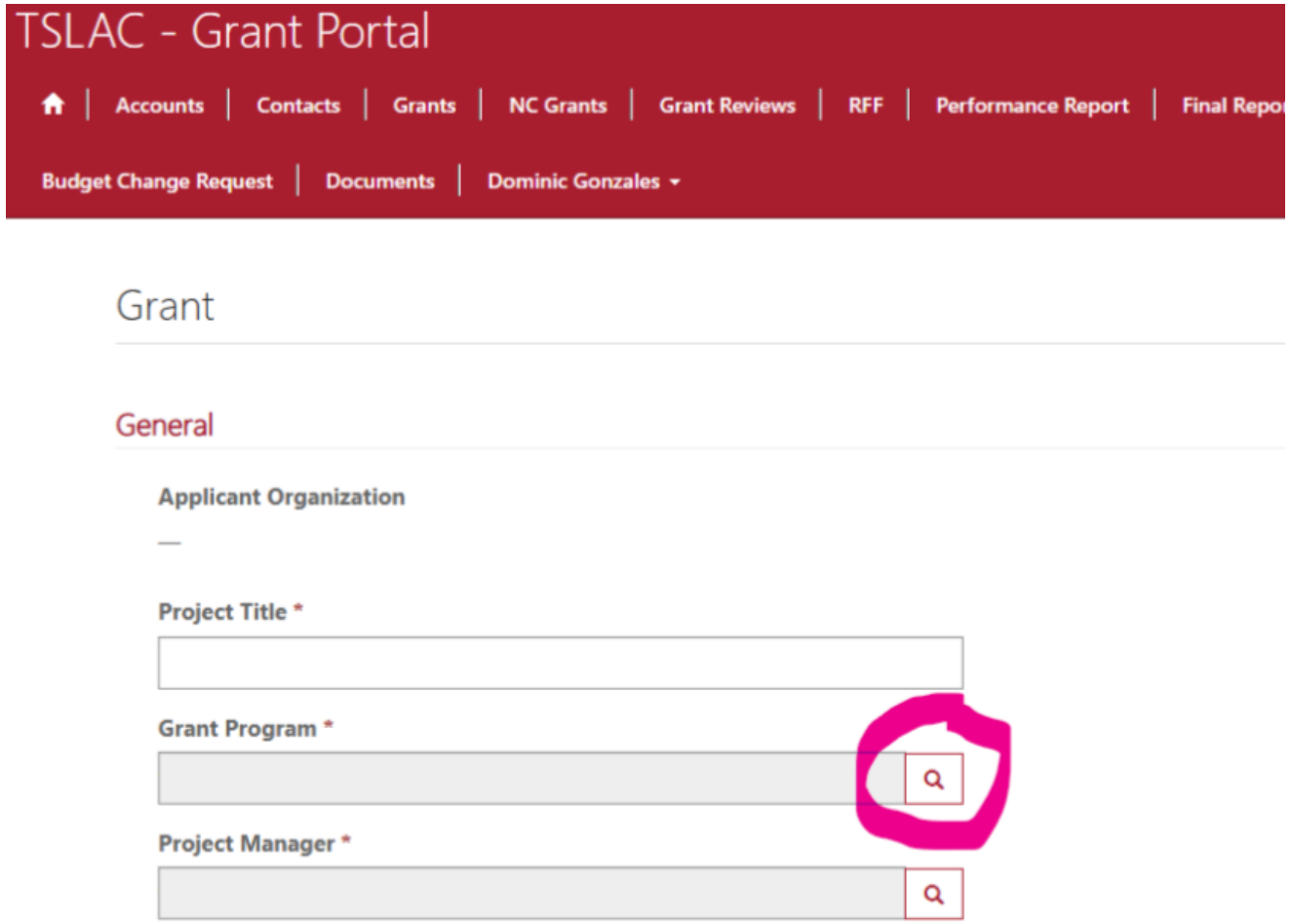

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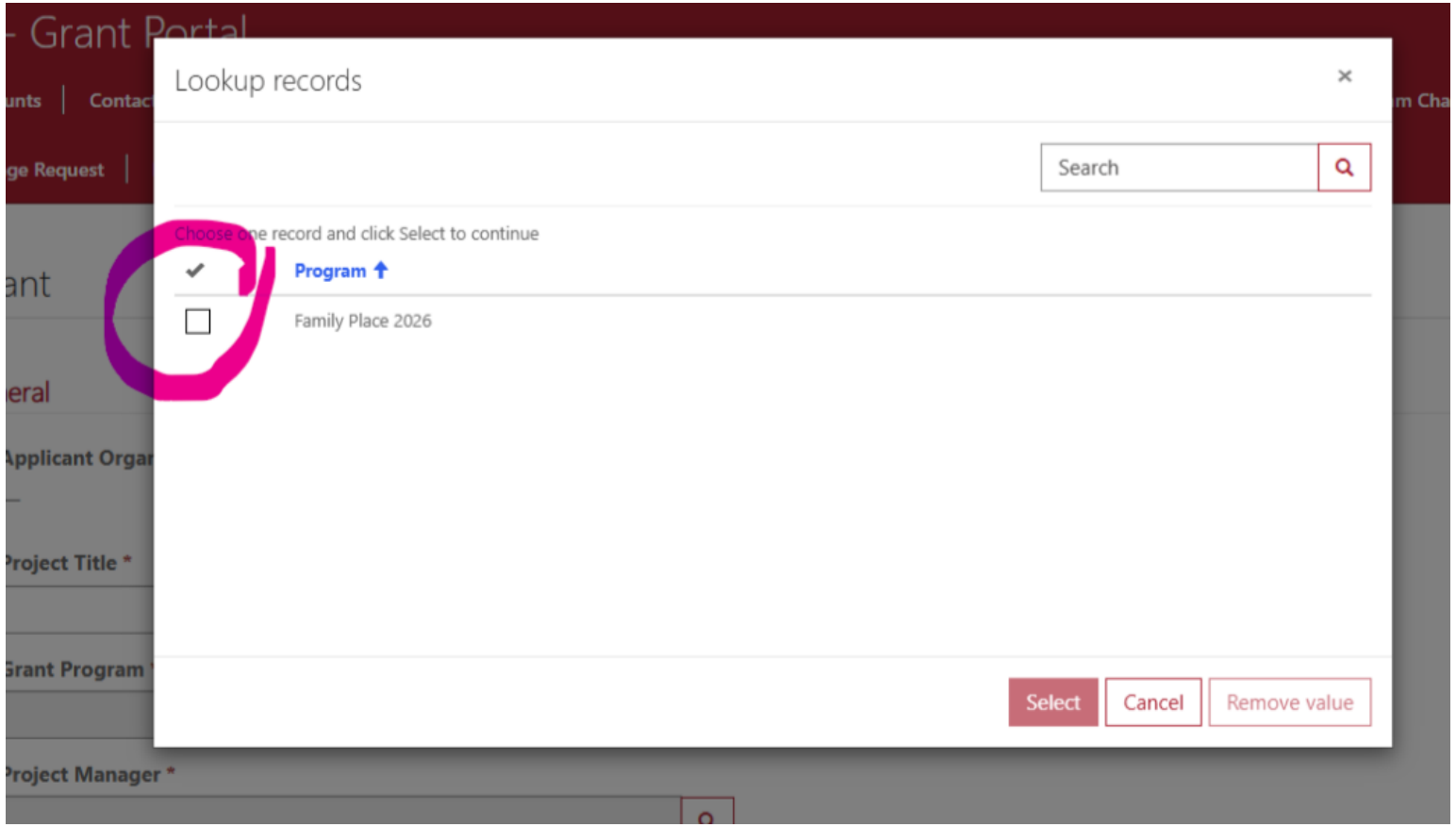

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PLEASE NOTE

- ***Program Partners*** and the ***Program Abstract*** fields are not required to be completed in GMS

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HAVE A PLAN

Capacity for the Core Components of Family Place™ model

- Trained Staff
- Parent Child Workshop
- Collections
- Specially Designed Spaces
- Collaborations and Partnerships
- Additional Programs for Babies and Toddlers
- Outreach

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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Program guidelines

- Program description
- Award information
- Eligibility
- Application and submission
- Review process and scoring rubric
- Award administration

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QUESTIONS?

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REVIEW PROCESS AND AWARD

- Internal/external review panel
- Scoring rubric
- Recommendation for award based on rank by scores
- Commission approval in February
- Award letter to follow

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SCORING RUBRIC

- Needs Assessment - Preschool availability, school readiness
- Program Design - How Family Place aligns with your current mission and goals
- Project Impact- How participation will enhance current offerings and spaces
- Sustainability - 3 year grant period… and beyond
- Evaluation - How you will evolve

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GRANT REQUIREMENTS (Post Award)

Training

- TSLAC Grants Management Training Series (Mandatory and Asynchronous)

Program/project implementation

- Activities
- Spending

Contract Compliance

- Performance reporting
- Financial reporting
- Records Retention

FY 2027 TIMELINE

September 8, 2026	Guidelines released; Application opens
October 16, 2026	Applications due
November 2026	Applications reviewed
December 2026	Applicants notified of Grant Review Panel recommendations
February 2027	TSLAC Commission approves recommendations
March 2027	TSLAC Next Steps Training; Contracts issued
May 2027	Family Place Training Institute; TSLAC Grantsmanship Training
July 31, 2027	Deadline to encumber grant funds
August 31, 2027	Last day to submit request for funds and documentation

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Advanced De-escalation Workshops

TSLAC is bringing in-person workshops to an area near you! Experienced clinical educator **Marty Reinsel** will be joining us **in person** to build on our previous beginner workshop from 2025.

Earn 3 hours of CE credit while you

- Deepen your knowledge and skills around de-escalation
- Connect with peers from your region
- Expand your toolkit of strategies for managing challenging interactions with confidence and care

Learn more and register today!
www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/cec/2026workshops

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