

Comprehensive Literacy State Development Subgrant

Steps to Apply

General Guidance

The Ohio Department of Education announces the competition for the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant. Ohio was awarded \$42 million from the U.S. Department of Education to continue its work to improve the language and literacy development of the state's children. Approximately 95 percent of the award will be distributed directly to local education agencies and early childhood education programs to improve literacy outcomes for children from birth through grade 12.

This four-year subgrant will focus on developing model literacy sites in early childhood education programs, district preschools and elementary, middle and high schools across the state. The proposed model sites will concentrate on implementing practices consistent with *Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement*. The partnership between the proposed model sites and the Department will allow early childhood education programs, districts and families to improve student literacy and increase educational options available to students who traditionally have been underserved.

Please send any questions to ComprehensiveLiteracy@education.ohio.gov.

Steps to Apply for the CLSD Subgrant

1. Review the Department's Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant proposal.

The Department's Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant proposal is available on the Department's [website](#). Ohio's grant proposal outlines how the Department plans to implement this grant, including prioritizing applicants, developing model literacy sites and utilizing proposed model sites to support the districts engaged in regional literacy networks.

2. Review the eligibility requirements for local subgrants.

Eligibility requirements for local education agencies and early childhood education programs are available on the Department's [website](#).

3. Submit the *Intent to Apply*, including a local literacy plan by Feb. 14, 2020.

The *Intent to Apply*, which includes submitting a local literacy plan, must be completed [online](#) by Feb. 14, 2020. The submitted local literacy plan can be for the current school year (2019-2020) or for implementation in school year 2020-2021. More information on local literacy plans is available on the Department's [website](#).

Districts and community schools required by Ohio law to submit [Reading Achievement Plans](#) to the Department by Dec. 31, 2019, may choose to submit their Reading Achievement Plans or revise the plans to include additional grade bands prior to submitting the *Intent to Apply* for the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant.

Technical assistance on the [Reading Achievement Plan](#) and local literacy plan can be found on the Department's [website](#).

4. Complete the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant application.

A Request for Applications will be announced and posted to the Department's [website](#) in February 2020. The Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant application and all required documents, as outlined in the Request for Applications upon release, must be submitted through the CCIP. This application is expected to open mid-February and expected to close in late March 2020. Technical assistance regarding *Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement* and Regional Literacy Networks will be provided by the Department and state support teams.