Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) Subgrant

Steps to Apply

(Updated January 2018)

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Ohio was awarded a \$35 million Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant from the U.S. Department of Education to build on ongoing work to improve the language and literacy development of our state's children. Approximately 95 percent of the award will be distributed directly to local districts, community schools and early childhood providers to improve literacy outcomes for children from birth through grade 12. The three-year grant will focus on serving the greatest numbers of students living in poverty, students with disabilities, English learners and students identified as having a reading disability.

Send questions to strivingreaders@education.ohio.gov.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR THE SRCL SUBGRANT

1. Determine if the interested applicant is eligible.

Eligibility requirements for local education agencies (LEAs) and early childhood providers is <u>here</u>.

2. Complete the Intent to Apply Form by Jan. 10, 2018.

The *Intent to Apply* form must be completed by Jan. 10, 2018. This will determine attendance at the academy (space is limited).

UPDATE: The intent to apply form closed on Jan. 10, 2018. This does not exclude an eligible organization from applying.

3.Save the Date for the Department's Two-Day Literacy Academy.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 and Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, the Department is hosting a Literacy Academy in Columbus, Ohio. The goal of the Academy is to provide technical assistance to those intending to apply for the subgrant and to provide professional learning aligned to improving evidence-based language and literacy instruction and interventions. Only those organizations who attend both days of the Literacy Academy are eligible to apply for the Striving Readers subgrant.

4. Upon invitation of the Department, register and attend the Department's Literacy Academy.

Eligible applicants who completed an *Intent to Apply* by Jan. 10, 2018, will receive an invitation sharing the details and agenda for this event. In addition, the invitation will identify how many individuals from the applicant's organization may attend. Attendance at this two-day event is a required element of the Striving Readers subgrant application. Please note that the number of attendees from each organization may be limited based on space available.



UPDATE: The Literacy Academy occurred on Jan. 17 and 18. Resources from the Literacy Academy are available <u>here</u>.

Because the Department was unable to accommodate all who were interested in attending, attendance at the Literacy Academy is no longer a required element of the subgrant application.

The Department soon will provide information on recordings of sessions from the Literacy Academy and additional technical assistance for those who were unable to attend.

5. Complete the Local Literacy Plan/Consortium Literacy Plan or revise Reading Achievement Plan.

Applicants are required to submit a local literacy plan as a part of their Striving Readers subgrant application. For this subgrant, the Department is requiring this local literacy plan to be completed using the Local Literacy Plan Template and Consortium Literacy Plan Template. Districts and community schools who were required by Ohio law to submit a <u>Reading</u> Achievement Plan to the Department by Dec. 31, 2017 may choose to utilize their submitted <u>Reading Achievement Plan</u> or revise the plan prior to submitting their complete Striving Readers subgrant application. More information is available in the Local Literacy Plan Guidance.

6. Complete SRCL Subgrant Application

A Request for Applications has been posted to the <u>Striving Readers webpage</u>. The Striving Readers subgrant application must be submitted through the CCIP. This application will close on March 2, 2018.

7. Upload all required application documents into the CCIP by March 2, 2018

Applicants must submit all required documents, as outlined in the Request for Applications, in the CCIP by March 2, 2018.

