Comprehensive Literacy State Development Subgrant
Limited Second Round
Steps to Apply

General Guidance
The Ohio Department of Education announces a limited second round 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.

The Department awarded the first round of Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrants in July 2020, including all subgrants for early childhood and kindergarten through grade 5. Additional applications are requested for grades 6 through 8 and grades 9 through 12 only in this limited second round.

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

Steps to Apply for the CLSD Subgrant – Second Round
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 are available on the Department’s website.


The Intent to Apply must be completed online by Oct. 2, 2020. The Intent to Apply questions can be reviewed on the Department’s website. More information on local literacy plans is available on the Department’s website.

4. Review technical assistance resources for applicants.

The Department will make available resources to assist applicants in developing project proposals, including information on adolescent literacy in Ohio’s Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement and samples of instructional and professional resources. These resources will be available on the Department’s website in early fall 2020.

5. Complete the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant application.

A Request for Applications will be announced and posted to the Department’s website in late September 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 in October 2020 and is expected to close in early November 2020.