

Ohio's Birth-Kindergarten Entry Comprehensive Literacy State Development Subgrant

Steps to Apply

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Ohio was awarded a \$60 million Comprehensive Literacy State Development 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 Education Agencies (LEAs) and early childhood education programs to improve literacy outcomes for children from birth through grade 12 through this grant opportunity.

The January 2026-September 2029 Birth-Kindergarten Entry subgrant will focus on developing and supporting literacy implementation sites in early care and education and prekindergarten programs across the state. The literacy implementation sites will concentrate on implementing practices consistent with Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement and in alignment with state policies for the science of reading. The grant also will support professional learning. The partnership between the implementation sites and the Department will allow early care and education programs, districts, schools and families to improve student literacy and increase educational options available to students who have been traditionally 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 eligibility requirements, prioritizing applicants, and required activities of literacy implementation sites.

2. Review the eligibility requirements for local subgrants.

Eligibility requirements for applicants are described on page 6 of the Ohio's Birth-Kindergarten Entry Comprehensive Literacy State Development Subgrant Request for Applications.

3. Submit the Intent to Apply by midnight Wednesday October 8, 2025 (optional but encouraged).

The Intent to Apply may be completed online midnight October 8, 2025.

4. Complete the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant application.

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 One Funding Application. This application is expected to open in October and close October 29, 2025.