

# Ohio's K-12 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 four-year subgrant will focus on developing and supporting literacy implementation sites in elementary, middle and high schools across the state. (A separate grant will be released in later 2025 for early care and education programs and district preschools.) 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 and coaching. 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](mailto: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 local education agencies are available on the Department's [website](#).

### 3. Submit the *Intent to Apply* by midnight Wednesday February 26, 2025 (optional but encouraged).

The *Intent to Apply* may be completed [online](#) midnight February 26, 2025.

### 4. Complete the Comprehensive Literacy State Development subgrant application, including local literacy plan.

A Request for Applications will be announced and posted to the Department’s [website](#) in January 2025. 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 March and close April 8, 2025. Information on technical assistance regarding curriculum-based professional learning and supports for multilingual learners will be posted to the Department’s [website](#) by January.

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](#) and updates to the Department by Dec. 31, 2024, 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](#).