



Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) Round 2

Notice of Funding Opportunity
(NOFO) Technical Assistance Webinar
September 27, 2023

TIMELINE

Background

The Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) was established by the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 400 during the 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

These funds are intended to support early childhood literacy and readiness programs for children less than six years of age.

Date	Activity – Round 2
September 18, 2023	Applications made available to applicants
September 27, 2023	Technical Assistance webinar (10:30 – 11:30 am)
October 17, 2023	Applications Due by 5:00 pm
October 30, 2023	Applications Reviewed
November 13, 2023	Awardees Notified of Allocations
November 13, 2023	Development of Subaward Agreement begins
July 1, 2023	Funding Period Start Date
June 30, 2024	Funding Period End Date
Aug. 30, 2024	Final Financial Report Due

GRANT OVERVIEW

- Source of funding – State General Funds
- Amount of funding – \$70,000,000 per fiscal year
- Annual application
- Funding period: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
- Funds not committed for expenditure on or before June 30 of each fiscal year reverts to the State General Fund.
- Supplement, not supplant!



Eligible Applicants:

- School Districts
- Sponsors of Charter Schools
- Non-profit Organizations

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Each program supported by a grant awarded must:

- Serve children who are less than 6 years of age;
- Be evidence-based;
- Provide for appropriate individualized accommodations and supports for children with disabilities;
- Include a plan of reporting accountability for the performance of the program; and
- Include an implementation plan which is financially sound and proposes to use all funds awarded within two years of award.

GRANT PRIORITIES

- Receive money from a private source;
- Receive money from a federal grant;
- Have demonstrated sustained success in improving the literacy and readiness for entering kindergarten of children less than 6 years of age;
OR
- Provide services to geographical areas with a higher proportion of children entering kindergarten who have demonstrated a deficit across early learning domains during the immediately preceding two years.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

You may apply for one or both

- Opportunity #1

Funding to expand access to high-quality preschool. This opportunity is open to new and existing Nevada Ready! State Prekindergarten (NR!PK) sub-recipients. Please indicate the number of children you intend to serve in the narrative form. Seats are allocated at \$8,410 per seat.

- Opportunity #2

Funding to establish an innovative new program or to expand an existing early literacy program that supports children less than the age of six, their families, and early childhood professionals. You may submit multiple applications under Opportunity #2.



Submission Smartsheet

ECILP Application Submissions

Submission Checklist

- Narrative Form (Attachment A)
- Program Description (PDF)
- Budget Summary and Narrative (Attachment B - Excel)
- Statement of Certification (Attachment C)
- General State Grant Assurances (Attachment D)
- Pre-Award Assessment Questionnaire (Attachment E)

Submit using Smartsheet link.
One application per submission.

The screenshot shows a web form for ECILP application submissions. It includes the following fields and sections:

- Form Date Field ***: A date input field.
- Agency Name ***: A text input field.
- Applicant Name ***: A text input field.
- Email ***: A text input field.
- Phone ***: A text input field with a country code dropdown (set to +1).
- Opportunity #1 - Prekindergarten seats**: A checkbox with the label "Check this box if you are applying for Opportunity #1".
- Opportunity #2 - Innovative Program**: A checkbox with the label "Check this box if you are applying for Opportunity #2".
- Attachment File Upload ***: A section titled "Attachments must include:" with a list of six items:
 1. Completed Attachment A form
 2. A separate detailed program narrative for each opportunity for which you are applying.
 3. A separate FY24 Budget Summary and Narrative for each opportunity for which you are applying
 4. Signed Certifications Form
 5. Signed General State Assurances
 6. FY24 Pre-Award Assessment Questionnaire
- A dashed box for file upload with the text "Drag and drop files here or [browse files](#)".
- A checkbox labeled "Send me a copy of my responses".
- A "Submit" button.
- Footer text: "Powered by smartsheet" and links for "Privacy Notice" and "Report Abuse".

Round 1 Summary

Approved funding \$38,450,054

- Opportunity 1:
10 applications, 8 funded
665 new seats
529 new seats for 4's
136 new seats for 3's
First time seats available for
3's
Lander and Lyon

- Opportunity 2:
27 applications, 19 funded
Books to Children
Professional Development
Direct Service
Support Staff
Family Engagement

Round 1 Lessons Learned

- Each application must be submitted separately in Smartsheet.
- Budget must be submitted as an Excel doc (not pdf)
- Be specific in implementation and outcomes
 - What is your plan to get started once you receive the award?
 - Be realistic – funding will be available Dec 2023
 - How will this compare to year 2?

Round 1 Lessons Learned Continued

- Be specific in implementation and outcomes
 - How many families, teachers, children served?
 - Expanded program or new program?
 - If expanded, how is this different (or not supplanting)?
 - How will participants be selected?
 - What schools?
 - Letter from district or partner on their letterhead
- Keep in mind, reviewers may not know about your program!

Questions



- Link to NDE Grants: [ECILP NOFO](#)
- Recording and PowerPoint slides will be added to website

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