

Early Childhood Literacy & Readiness Grant Program Form

The Early Childhood Literacy & Readiness Programs Grant was established with the passage of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 460](#) in June 2025 during the 83rd session of the Nevada Legislature. These funds are intended 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. The State General Fund appropriates the amount of \$13,646,507 for fiscal year 2026-2027. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30th of the respective fiscal year.

Date Submitted: _____

School District: _____

Sponsor of Charter School – Name: _____

Non-profit Organization – Name: _____

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) – Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Applicant #2 Name: _____

Contact #2 Email: _____ Contact #2 Phone: _____

Program Narrative

The program description should be formatted with 1.5 or 2.0 spacing, 1-inch margin, 12pt. Times New Roman font, no longer than 10 pages in length, as a PDF or Word document.

***PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NARRATIVE AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION VIA THE FOLLOWING SMARTSHEET FORM LINK: [Early Childhood Literacy and Readiness Programs Grant](#)**

Eligibility requirements for the Early Childhood Literacy & Readiness Programs Grant

- (a) Serve children who are less than 6 years of age and meet one of the following:
 1. Have demonstrated sustained success in improving the literacy and readiness for entering kindergarten of children less than 6 years of age; OR
 2. Provide services to geographical areas with higher proportions of children entering kindergarten who have demonstrated a deficit across early learning domains during the immediately preceding two years.

PLEASE UPLOAD A DESCRIPTION FOR ALL CHECKED REQUIREMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT INTO THE SMARTSHEET:

Program Narrative must describe in detail how your program meets the following grant criteria:

Pre-Award Assessment (5 Points)

- The Pre-Award Assessment (PAA) is the first assessment conducted as part of the financial risk-based assessment. The PAA specifically determines whether a potential subrecipient or contractor is eligible to receive state or federal funds. For competitive applications, the score will be used as a weighted measurement in the rubric evaluation for the application under consideration. If a subrecipient has previously submitted an application, their Subrecipient score will be used in combination with the competitive Grant PAA to calculate their score. Any applicant disbarred is not eligible to receive funds.

Description of the early childhood literacy & readiness program. (40 points). At a minimum, this section should include:

- *Key program components used to support literacy and readiness*
- *Demonstrate program's success in improving early literacy and readiness outcomes;*
- *Description of community need; and*
- *Alignment with early learning standards or kindergarten readiness.*

Demonstrate evidence-based practices for high quality early childhood literacy & readiness programs. (10 points)

At a minimum, this section should include:

- *Developmentally appropriate practices*
- *Cite research and child outcomes*

Provide appropriate individualized accommodation and support for children with disabilities. (10 points)

At a minimum, this section should include:

- *Description of inclusive program*
- *Types of accommodations and supports*

A plan for reporting accountability on the performance of the early childhood literacy & readiness program upon project completion. (15 points)

At a minimum, this section should include:

- *Program evaluation plan*
- *Clear performance metrics and benchmarks*
- *Data collection methods*

An implementation plan which is financially sound, aligns with the budget submitted, and proposes to use all funds awarded within FY27. (20 points)

- *Realistic project timeline and cost estimates*
- *Alignment between proposed activities and budget line items*
- *Plan for monitoring expenditures to ensure awarded funds are fully spent by June 30, 2027.*