

The November 1 Report for the Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) as required by Assembly Bill 400, Section 14:

**Sec. 14.**

*On or before November 1 of each year, the Department [of Education] shall:*

- 1. Review all grants awarded pursuant to section 13 of this act during the immediately preceding year;*
- 2. Compile a report for the immediately preceding year which must include, without limitation:*
  - (a) The number of applications for a grant received pursuant to section 13 of this act;*
  - (b) The number of grants awarded pursuant to section 13 of this act;*
  - (c) The total cost of all grants awarded pursuant to section 13 of this act; and*
  - (d) Such other information as may be prescribed by the Department to demonstrate the effectiveness of recipients of a grant awarded pursuant to section 13 of this act in improving the literacy and readiness for elementary school of children less than 6 years of age.*

The Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 400 (AB400) during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session. AB400 legislated authority to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) to manage the \$140 million, 2-year competitive grant opportunity centered on early learning and literacy. ECILP is broken down into two opportunities:

- Opportunity 1 expands access to the Nevada Ready! State Pre-kindergarten (NR!PK) program.
- Opportunity 2 funds innovative new programs or expand existing early literacy programs that supports children less than the age of six, their families, and early childhood professionals.

NDE Office of Early Learning and Development (OELD) manages the grant and, as of October 1, has completed a first round of reviewing grant submissions and awarding funds to applicants.

Round 1 of ECILP took place from July 2023 through October 2023. The application submission window lasted two weeks in late July. During the three-month period that encompassed Round 1, 37 applications were submitted, reviewed, scored, and approved for funding by OELD. Applicants could submit grant applications for both Opportunity 1 and Opportunity 2.

To bolster the success and integrity of ECILP, a Grants Specialist was contracted by OELD to manage the \$140 million grant in August 2023. This position has been tasked with monitoring the ECILP subrecipients, data collection, reporting writing, as well as, overseeing the Round 2 grant review process. For Opportunity 1, the Grants Specialist is working in tandem with the NR!PK team to implement and track the impact of Opportunity 1 seats. Furthermore, the Grants Specialist is working directly with subrecipients of Opportunity 2 awards to ensure goals and metrics in the innovative programs are aligned with state early childhood standards.

**Table 1. Round 1 Totals:**

Number of applications received	37
Number of grants awarded	27
Round 1 - total funding awarded	\$38,133,893
Opportunity 1 – funding awarded	\$6,393,861
Opportunity 2 – funding awarded	\$31,740,032
Round 2 – available funding*	\$31,866,107

\*Round 2 application reviews are scheduled for October 30

**Round 1 Highlights:**

Opportunity 1 funding allows programs to expand their high-quality pre-school offerings. Eight out of ten applicants were funded in Round 1. In total, 665 new seats will be made available to Nevada’s three and four-year-old children whose families are in the federal poverty level range of 200-250%. This marks the first time the NR!PK program is expanding its services to families above the 200% federal poverty threshold. Moreover, the NR!PK program will be serving 136 three-year-old children for the first time as well as serving 529 additional four-year-olds.

**Table 2. Round 1, Opportunity #1 Summary:**

<b>Subgrantees</b>	<b>Description</b>
Humboldt County School District	Humboldt is an existing program that will be adding 20 new seats for four-year-olds and 27 new seats for three-year-olds.
United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS)	UWNNS is an existing program that will be adding 54 new seats for four-year-olds and 14 new seats for three-year-olds. These seats are in partnership with licensed childcare facilities in Lyon, Douglas, Elko and Washoe County.
Washoe County School District	Washoe is an existing program that will be adding 130 new seats for four-year-olds and 30 new seats for three-year-olds.
United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN)	UWSN is an existing program that will be adding 175 new seats for four-year-olds and 25 new seats for three-year-olds. These seats are in partnership with licensed childcare facilities.
Lyon County School District	Prior to the pandemic, Lyon previously had a NR!PK program. Through this opportunity, they will be able to serve 80 four-year-olds.
Churchill County School District	Churchill is an existing program that will be adding 20 new seats for four-year-olds and 10 new seats for three-year-olds.
Lander County School District	Lander is a new NR!PK program that will add 20 new seats for four-year-olds.
Nye County School District	Nye is an existing program that will be adding 30 new seats for four-year-olds and 30 new seats for three-year-olds.

**Table 3. Opportunity 1, Round 1 Funding and Seat Projections:**

<b>Subrecipient Organization/Entity</b>	<b>Projected Seats for 4s</b>	<b>Projected Seats for 3s</b>	<b>Amount of Subaward</b>
Humboldt County School District	20	27	\$395,270
United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra	54	14	\$571,880
Washoe County School District	130	30	\$1,723,200
United Way of Southern Nevada	175	25	\$1,682,000
Lyon County School District	80	0	\$1,027,204
Churchill County School District	20	10	\$280,256
Lander County School District	20	0	\$209,451
Nye County School District	30	30	\$504,600
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$6,393,861.00</b>

**Table 4: Opportunity 2, Round 1 Summary:**

Subgrantees	Description
Clark County School District – Literacy & Language Skills	High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten Increasing Literacy & Language Skills Program will build capacity by providing instructional supports and high-quality professional learning to all pre-kindergarten teachers (550 classrooms) as well as pre-k families. This includes Creative Curriculum Cloud licenses for teachers, training on Teaching Strategies assessment, social-emotional learning kits, and workshops for families in partnership with Lakeshore Learning.
Community Chest, Inc	Rural Classroom on Wheels (COW) Bus – expand the number of available classes and service locations of the COW bus program to include the two classes in Stagecoach, one additional class in Mark Twain, two new classes in Dayton, and two new classes in Fernley – total of 80 children annually. Screening tools include: ASQ 3, ASQ SE, and Brigance Screen III.
Reading in Motion	The current program provides a supplemental literacy curriculum and coaches to support implementation. They provided instructional support and pd to teachers, principals, school data specialists, and literacy specialists. They provide after-school online pd for families or targeted support after-school in-person. They offer a summer program. Last year they provided services in 25 schools. With this funding they are looking to expand Reading in Motion (RIM) Aspire in CCSD and charter schools in 120 classrooms. The RIM Aspire curriculum addresses all five essential components of early reading instruction.
Clark County School District (CCSD ITFE)	Infant/Toddler Family Engagement program will enhance early learning experiences for infants and toddlers in Clark County by providing support to families, including information on child development and developmental milestones, activities for parents to engage with their infants and toddlers, and materials and books to use with their children.
Clark County School District (CCSD CF)	Child Find Expansion Program to support families of young children participating in the transition from Part C to Part B services or who have been referred for evaluation for special education services. This program will implement a play-based component to the traditional Child Find evaluation structure giving children with special needs an opportunity to interact with other children and use age-appropriate materials in a classroom setting. This also includes support staff to reach out to families to provide support for transition to school-based services. The result will be to place children with special needs in the least restrictive, inclusive environment.
United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS)	Current United Readers program using the Heggerty Curriculum focuses on kindergarten classrooms, Tier 2 intervention in WCSD. Grant will expand the United Readers program into preschool classrooms using the Heggerty Curriculum, not only in WCSD, but Lyon, Douglas, and Churchill Counties. The curriculum focuses on 5-8 phonological and phonemic awareness skills including rhyme, phoneme isolation, blending, segmenting, and substitution. Heggerty Curriculum also has a pre/post assessment component.
Washoe County School District	To hire 65 Kindergarten Assistants and one Early Learning Literacy and Transition Specialist. Also, to provide a two-year training for pre-k and kindergarten teachers using the science of reading using Lexia’s Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS). Aligns with training provided to 1-3rd grade educators.

Subgrantees	Description
Spread the Word Nevada	To expand Readers in Training program - an income-based eligibility program currently serving low-to-moderate income families in Clark County. Registered families receive brand new age-appropriate books and resources monthly until the child turns five. Expansion of an existing program where they already established partners with CCSD, Baby's Bounty, Lullaby Connections, Family to Family, and other community programs.
Lyon County School District	Lyon will hire nine paraprofessionals (for each school site) to work with and support kindergarten teachers, for 5-year-olds who have been deemed at-risk in literacy.
Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows	Submitted on behalf of the Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs (Alliance) which includes seven independent organizations in 74 sites in both urban and rural areas. They provide full-day childcare (starting at 6 weeks), but their goal with this funding is to prepare 247 four- and five-year-old children for kindergarten. These children will not be included in the NR!PK program as they don't meet the program requirements. They will screen children, provide training and professional development for staff, and increase family engagement.
Nye County School District	Nye will hire one paraprofessional in each kindergarten classroom (20 total) across the district in support of early intervention for primary reading skills, assisting students to become lifelong readers.
Northern Nevada Literacy Council	Provide the Family Reading Program (FRP) to at-risk minority and underserved families their children age pre-K through 1st grade. FRP takes a holistic approach to family literacy and education in the homes of children ages 2-6.
TNTP Inc Teacher Excellence	The original professional development modules were developed in partnership with NDE OELD and the Children's Cabinet – funded through a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant in 2015. This funding will allow the modules to be updated and offered again. Develop a Nevada ECE Teacher Excellence Network, "Leadership, Literacy & Inclusion," to strengthen outstanding practices of Nevada's early childhood educators while building a statewide coalition of early childhood educators to expand reach of effective practices and impact. This training was well-received as the typical trainings need to meet childcare licensing requirements does not focus on leadership for childcare administrators. TNTP will work with NDE OELD, Childcare Licensing, DWSS Childcare to find participants.
UNLV Health	Pediatric Clinic to partner with national Reach Out and Read non-profit program to promote reading with young children. The program helps build a culture of curiosity and learning, one book at a time. Enrollment into the program to increase from 8% to 100% of their patients (who are under five years old).
TNTP Inc ECE Teacher Corps	This is an existing partnership with NDE and CCSD. The two-year program supports aspiring teacher candidates to work in under-served elementary schools. To date, they have worked with over 350 K-5 teachers. With this funding, they will expand the program to include early childhood educators. In addition to recruiting, training, and developing new early childhood educators, program will also include direct literacy support.
Lander County School District	Lander will hire two aides for early childhood classrooms whose roles will focus on supporting social communication interventions and embedded supports within preschool classrooms. Also, create two sensory spaces available for children under age six to be located in the early learning program.

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Esmeralda County School District	Supports for their pre-K program to include curriculum and assessment.
Storied, Inc	In partnership with the Dollywood Foundation to provide Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Clark County. Registration and distribution of at least 5,000 books per month for a minimum of 2 years to children living in Clark County.
Clark County Public Education Foundation	A collaboration between Public Education Foundation, CCSD, and Spread the Word Nevada to launch the Book Bus Early Literacy Initiative. The Book Bus will provide fun engaging events to distribute age-appropriate books and early reading strategies to children ages 0-5 years old and their families.

**Table 5, Opportunity 2, Round 1 Programming Type:**

<b>Books to Children Funding Amount: \$1,051,401</b>	<b>Professional Development Funding Amount: \$10,711,462</b>	<b>Direct Service Funding Amount: \$1,932,627</b>	<b>Support Staff Funding Amount: \$6,251,659</b>	<b>Family Engagement Funding Amount: \$11,792,883</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread the Word Nevada</li> <li>• UNLV Health Pediatric Clinic</li> <li>• Storied, Inc</li> <li>• Clark County Public Education Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCSD – Literacy &amp; Language Skills</li> <li>• Reading in Motion</li> <li>• TNTP – Teacher Excellence Network</li> <li>• TNTP – Teaching Corps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Chest</li> <li>• United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra</li> <li>• Boys &amp; Girls Club of Truckee Meadows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washoe County School District</li> <li>• Lyon County School District</li> <li>• Nye County School District</li> <li>• Esmeralda County School District</li> <li>• Lander County School District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCSD - Infant/Toddler Program</li> <li>• CCSD – Child Find</li> <li>• Northern NV Literacy Council</li> </ul>

**Table 6. Opportunity 2 Funding:**

<b>Round 1 Opportunity #2 Innovative Programs</b>	<b>Allocated Budget</b>
Clark County School District (CCSD L&L)	\$10,009,738.00
Community Chest, Inc	\$466,629.00
Reading in Motion	\$245,248.00
Clark County School District (CCSD ITFE)	\$6,500,214.00
Clark County School District (CCSD CF)	\$4,962,993.00
United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS)	\$564,152.00
Washoe County School District	\$4,121,420.00
Spread the Word Nevada	\$464,615.00
Lyon County School District	\$646,010.00
Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows	\$901,846.00
Nye County School District	\$1,332,519.00
Northern Nevada Literacy Council	\$329,676.00
TNTP Inc Teacher Excellence	\$215,682.00
UNLV Health	\$20,209.00

<b>Round 1 Opportunity #2 Innovative Programs</b>	<b>Allocated Budget</b>
TNTP Inc ECE Teacher Corps	\$240,794.00
Lander County School District	\$97,755.00
Esmeralda County School District	\$53,955.00
Storied, Inc	\$200,724.00
Clark County Public Education Foundation	\$365,853.00