

Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP)

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Technical Assistance Webinar

May 10, 2024



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Education

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
May 6, 2024	FY25 Competitive Application made available
May 10, 2024	Technical Assistance webinar (10:00 am- 11:00 am)
May 30, 2024	Applications Due by 5:00 pm
June 14, 2024	Applications Reviewed and Scored
June 21, 2024	Awardees Notified of allocations
June 21, 2024	Development of Subaward Agreement begins
July 1, 2024	Funding Period Begins
June 30, 2025	Funding Period End Date
Aug. 30, 2025	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, 2024-June 30, 2025
- 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 FY25.

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 more

- **Opportunity Area #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 Area #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.
- **Opportunity Area #3:** Funds can be used on infrastructure for additional space or modifications to buildings that allow enhanced or increased service for students. This will allow sites to apply for funds to retrofit their center and/or utilize capital costs that will allow you to increase or more effectively serve pre-K students. New construction (e.g. portables, new centers) will not be an allowable cost under this project. Must be a NR!PK! recipient or plan to apply to ECILP#1 to provide additional seats to apply to this opportunity.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Submission Checklist

- NOFO (PDF)
- Narrative Form (Attachment A)
- Budget Summary and Narrative (Attachment B)
- 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.

- *Optional supporting document: Proof of previous federal grants, private support, or letters of support or partnerships.



Submission Smartsheet

[ECILP Application Submissions](#)

Questions

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

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