Louisiana's Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program
Frequently Asked Questions
2017

1. Who may apply for a SRCL subgrant?

School systems, including charters with independent LEA status, are eligible to apply.

2. What are the requirements to receive a subgrant?

- Applicants must select the schools/sites serving the greatest percent of disadvantaged youth.
- Applicants must serve the entire age or grade spans of Birth to Grade 5, Grades 6-8, or Grades 9-12.

3. What is the definition of disadvantaged youth?

Disadvantaged youth are children and students who are
- Economically disadvantaged
- Challenged by disabilities
- English learners

4. How many schools can be included in the application?

Up to five schools/sites.

5. How many subgrants will be awarded?

LDOE plans to award:
- 30 subgrants for Birth to Grade 5;
- 25 subgrants for Grades 6-8; and
- 25 subgrants for Grades 9-12.

6. What is the amount of the award?

- Birth to Grade 5: $351,500.00/subgrant/year
- Grades 6-8: $120,514.00/subgrant/year
- Grades 9-12: $160,686.00/subgrant/year

7. What is the anticipated length of an award?

LDOE will award subgrants on a competitive basis for a project period of one year and up to 36 months, pending federal approval, availability of funds, and the recipient's progress in achieving goals in described in its subgrant application. The Department also reserves the right to hold a new competition each year.

8. Can school systems apply for more than one subgrant?

- School systems may apply for <u>one</u> subgrant in each of the age or grade spans of Birth to Grade 5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12.
- However, the following large school systems may apply for <u>two</u> birth to grade 5 subgrants: Ascension, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Livingston, Rapides, and St. Tammany. These school systems must include five schools in each application. The first application should include the five schools with the greatest percent of disadvantaged youth. The second application should include the next five schools with the greatest percent of disadvantaged youth.

9. Can applicants serve just one or two levels within an age or grade span?

No, applicants must serve the entire spans of Birth to Grade 5, Grades 6-8, or Grades 9-12. Schools that do not serve the full span should partner with a feeder school to serve the complete span.

Applicants proposing to serve Birth to Grade 5 must either include its own birth to age 5 programs, if it has them, or partner with another nonprofit early childhood education provider with a demonstrated record of effectiveness, as measured by Louisiana's Early Childhood Performance Profiles.

10. How can a provider show nonprofit status?

A provider may show nonprofit status by any of the following means:

- Proof that the Internal Revenue Service currently recognizes the provider's contributions are tax deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- A statement from a State taxing body or the State attorney general certifying that:
  (a) The provider is a nonprofit organization operating within the State; and
  (b) No part of its net earnings may lawfully benefit any private shareholder or individual; or
- A certified copy of the provider's certificate of incorporation or similar document if it clearly establishes the nonprofit status of the organization or agency.

11. When is the application due, and when will awards be announced?

Applications are due November 10, 2017, 4:00 pm. Awards will be announced December 12.

12. Who will review and score the applications?

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel of literacy experts external to Louisiana who have vast experience in development and implementation of literacy programs for children, birth-grade 12.

13. What must the subgrant application address?

The subgrant application must address the following criteria:
- Need for the project
- Project goals
- Project design
- Project management
- Budget for Year 1 (January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018)

14. How do school systems prepare the budget for the application?

School systems must complete a budget for January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.
- School systems applying for a birth-grade 5 subgrant must complete two budget spreadsheets: birth to age 5 ($87,875.00) and kindergarten through grade 5 ($263,625.00).
- School systems applying for a grades 6-8 subgrant must complete one budget spreadsheet ($120,514.00).
- School systems applying for a grades 9-12 subgrant must complete one budget spreadsheet ($160,686.00).

15. How may school systems use subgrant funds?

See list of SRCL Grant Allowables.

16. What type of support will the Department provide for completing the application?

The Department will host a webinar on October 12, 3:15-4:15 p.m., to provide guidance on completing the SRCL application and answer specific questions. The webinar will be repeated on October 16, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Click here to access the October 12 webinar. To participate via audio conference:
Toll access number (Toll): 1-646-307-1380 or Toll-free access number (Toll Free): 1-855-240-2575. Participant pin code: 20636171.

Click here to access the October 16 webinar. To participate via audio conference:
Toll access number (Toll): 1-646-307-1380 or Toll-free access number (Toll Free): 1-855-240-2575. Participant pin code: 20636171.

The Department will also host Office Hours on October 26 and November 2, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Toll Free: 712-451-0695, Pin 568324#.