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Reading First-Ohio Competitive Grant Application

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Summary: The purpose of Reading First is to ensure that all children in America learn to read well by the end of 3rd grade.

Description:

Reading First is a federally funded grant created to prevent reading failure among students in grades K-3. The Reading First program provides the necessary assistance to States and districts to establish research-based reading programs for students.. Reading First funds also focus on providing significantly increased teacher professional development to ensure that all teachers, including special education teachers, have the skills they need to teach these programs effectively. Additionally, the program provides assistance to states and districts in preparing classroom teachers to effectively screen, identify and overcome reading barriers facing their students.

For Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the Reading First, please click here: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/legislation.html

Requirements:
Only LEAs that serve either 15 percent or more children from families with incomes below the poverty line or 6,500 children from such families are eligible to apply for Reading First funds. Additionally, LEA eligibility is based on the highest number or percentages of students in kindergarten through 3rd grade who are reading below grade level, based on the most current data available. The funding cycle for the grant begins July 1, and runs through June 30, application can be submitted only via the CCIP. For information on how to submit a Competitive Grant, please click here:
https://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/DocumentLibrary/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentKey=4401

Dates:
All Competitive grants must be in “LEA Authorized Representative Approved” status by Friday, April 30, to be considered for funding. Depending on the availability of funds, LEAs that are award could begin to draw down funds as soon as July 1.

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