



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

June 25, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EJM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Supporting Implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act*

In support of the educational initiatives of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), an ARI Program Improvement Grant is an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) and educational preparation programs to enhance their implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act* in Alabama public schools, including charter schools. This grant is designed to support initiatives that improve the quality, relevance, and effectiveness, ultimately preparing students for literacy success.

The deadline to submit the ARI Program Improvement Grant application is Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Two steps are required for a successful submission.

1. The Curriculum Director/ARI Contact should discuss the grant proposal with the LEA's Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent for approval to submit.
2. The Curriculum Director/ARI Contact (or other personnel appointed by the Superintendent) should complete the [ARI Program Improvement Grant Application](#). Awards will be shared as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Literacy Leadership Specialist or contact Mrs. Vickie Chappelle, ARI Administrator, by telephone at 334-694-4632 or by email at vchappelle@alsde.edu.

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cc: City and County Curriculum Directors
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