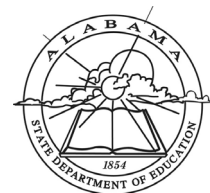




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

September 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

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

RE: Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Grant Supporting Implementation of the
Alabama Literacy Act

In support of the educational initiatives of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), an Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) Program Improvement Grant was offered for local education agencies and educational preparation programs to enhance their implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act* in Alabama public schools, including charter schools. This grant was offered to support initiatives that improve quality, relevance, and effectiveness, ultimately preparing students for literacy success. Awarded grants are listed in the attachment. The Fund Source Code is 2901. These funds are intended to be used during the FY 2027 school year and expended by September 30, 2027. Any exceptions to this must receive approval. Funds will be disbursed in November 2026. Grant recipients may expend funds for the approved purposes identified through the application and award process, including the following allowable categories.

- Local Reading Specialist to serve in the intended position of coach for summer learning 2027 (PRIORITY AREA).
- ARI-funded Interventionist to serve in the intended position of interventionist for summer learning 2027 (PRIORITY AREA).
- Travel and materials related to the ARI-funded Interventionist position.
- Approved Literacy Task Force Core Reading Program needs.
- Approved Literacy Task Force Intervention Reading Program needs.
- Professional learning that is outlined in the Continuum for Teacher Development.
- Outside of school interventions (summer learning and before- and after-school tutoring).
- Materials and supplies that are directly related to improving K-3 literacy assessment outcomes, including the early years assessments and the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program summative assessment.
- Incentives for improving literacy outcomes (these must be directly related).
- Support additional costs incurred for the interventionist or local reading specialist position.

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The grantees will **NOT** be allowed to spend the funding on the following prohibited items:

- Any materials or professional learning that employs the Three-Cueing approach to reading instruction.
- Any core reading program that is not approved by the Literacy Task Force.
- Any Tier 3 intervention program that is not approved by the Literacy Task Force.
- Any assessment funding requests unless it is for professional learning of the program.
- Any assessment program that is not approved by the Literacy Task Force.
- Furniture.
- Food.
- Technology needs not explicitly approved by ARI.
- Any ongoing or permanent position, as this is a one-time opportunity.
- Any indirect costs.

Expenditures must align with the approved application, applicable state/federal requirements, and ALSDE guidance. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Literacy Leadership Specialist or contact Mrs. Vickie Chappelle, ARI Administrator, by telephone at 334-694-4635 or by email at vchappelle@alsde.edu.

EGM/BS/AM

Attachment

cc: City and County Curriculum Directors
City and County Chief School Financial Officers
Mrs. Angela Martin
Mr. Arthur Watts, Jr.
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Mrs. Vickie Chappelle

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1	Autauga County	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
2	Baldwin County	26	26	\$20,000.00	\$520,000.00
3	Barbour County	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
4	Bibb County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
5	Blount County	8	8	\$15,000.00	\$120,000.00
6	Bullock County	1	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
7	Butler County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
8	Calhoun County	7	7	\$20,000.00	\$140,000.00
9	Chambers County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
10	Cherokee County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
11	Chilton County	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
12	Choctaw County	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
13	Clarke County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
14	Clay County	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
15	Cleburne County	4	4	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
16	Coffee County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
17	Colbert County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
18	Conecuh County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
19	Coosa County	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
20	Covington County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
21	Crenshaw County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
22	Cullman County	12	12	\$20,000.00	\$240,000.00
23	Dale County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
24	Dallas County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
25	DeKalb County	10	10	\$20,000.00	\$200,000.00
26	Elmore County	7	7	\$20,000.00	\$140,000.00
27	Escambia County	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
28	Etowah County	11	11	\$20,000.00	\$220,000.00
29	Fayette County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
30	Franklin County	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
31	Geneva County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
32	Greene County	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
33	Hale County	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
34	Henry County	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
35	Houston County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
36	Jackson County	12	12	\$20,000.00	\$240,000.00
37	Jefferson County	30	30	\$20,000.00	\$600,000.00
38	Lamar County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
39	Lauderdale County	11	11	\$20,000.00	\$220,000.00
40	Lawrence County	7	7	\$20,000.00	\$140,000.00

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41	Lee County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
42	Limestone County	9	9	\$20,000.00	\$180,000.00
43	Lowndes County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
44	Macon County	3	3	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
45	Madison County	16	16	\$20,000.00	\$320,000.00
46	Marengo County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
47	Marion County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
48	Marshall County	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
49	Mobile County	53	53	\$20,000.00	\$1,060,000.00
50	Monroe County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
51	Montgomery County	30	30	\$20,000.00	\$600,000.00
52	Morgan County	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
53	Perry County	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
54	Pickens County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
55	Pike County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
56	Randolph County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
57	Russell County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
58	St. Clair County	7	7	\$20,000.00	\$140,000.00
59	Shelby County	14	14	\$12,155.00	\$170,170.00
60	Sumter County	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
61	Talladega County	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
62	Tallapoosa County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
63	Tuscaloosa County	17	17	\$20,000.00	\$340,000.00
64	Walker County	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
65	Washington County	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
66	Wilcox County	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
67	Winston County	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
101	Albertville City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
102	Alexander City	2	2	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
103	Alabaster City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
104	Andalusia City	1	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
105	Anniston City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
106	Arab City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
107	Athens City	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
109	Attalla City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
110	Auburn City	10	10	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
113	Bessemer City	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
114	Birmingham City	28	28	\$20,000.00	\$560,000.00
115	Boaz City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
116	Brewton City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

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121	Chickasaw City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
125	Cullman City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
126	Daleville City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
127	Decatur City	12	12	\$20,000.00	\$240,000.00
128	Demopolis City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
130	Dothan City	10	10	\$20,000.00	\$200,000.00
131	Elba City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
132	Enterprise City	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
133	Eufaula City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
137	Fairfield City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
141	Florence City	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
143	Fort Payne City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
144	Gadsden City	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
146	Geneva City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
152	Gulf Shores City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
154	Guntersville City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
155	Haleyville City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
156	Hartselle City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
157	Homewood City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
158	Hoover City	10	10	\$20,000.00	\$200,000.00
159	Huntsville City	26	26	\$20,000.00	\$520,000.00
162	Jacksonville City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
163	Jasper City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
165	Lanett City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
167	Leeds City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
168	Linden City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
169	Madison City	8	8	\$20,000.00	\$160,000.00
171	Midfield City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
174	Orange Beach City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
175	Mountain Brook City	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
176	Muscle Shoals City	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
177	Pelham City	2	2	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
178	Oneonta City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
179	Opelika City	6	6	\$20,000.00	\$120,000.00
180	Opp City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
181	Oxford City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
182	Ozark City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
183	Pell City	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
184	Phenix City	7	7	\$20,000.00	\$140,000.00
185	Piedmont City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

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186	Pike Road City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
187	Saraland City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
188	Roanoke City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
189	Russellville City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
190	Scottsboro City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
191	Selma City	4	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
192	Sheffield City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
193	Sylacauga City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
194	Talladega City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
195	Tallassee City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
196	Satsuma City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
197	Tarrant City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
198	Thomasville City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
199	Troy City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
200	Tuscaloosa City	12	12	\$20,000.00	\$240,000.00
201	Tuscumbia City	2	2	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
202	Vestavia Hills City	5	5	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00
204	Winfield City	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
205	Trussville City	3	3	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
801	University Charter School	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
802	LEAD Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
803	Legacy Prep	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
805	i3 Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
807	LIFE Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
808	Breakthrough Charter School	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
809	Ivy Classical Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
811	Empower Schools of Alabama	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
813	Covenant Academy of Mobile	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
815	Freedom Prep Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
817	Independence Preparatory Academy	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
500	Alabama A & M University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
506	Alabama State University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
508	Athens State University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
510	Auburn University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
511	Auburn University At Montgomery	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
B3N	Faulkner University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
B3O	Huntingdon College	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
518	Jacksonville State University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
AGB	Miles College	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
B3R	Oakwood College	1	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

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B3T	Samford University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
AF1	Spring Hill College	1	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
AFC	Stillman College	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
AEF	Talladega College	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
548	Troy University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
B2J	Tuskegee University	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
552	University Of Alabama	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
554	University Of Alabama - Birmingham	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
556	University Of Alabama - Huntsville	1	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
B3V	University Of Mobile	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
504	University Of Montevallo	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
514	University Of North Alabama	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
558	University Of South Alabama	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
522	University Of West Alabama	1	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

All districts that applied for a grant were able to receive one award. If the dollar amount is lower than \$20,000, it is due to the amount requested by the district.