

District Grant Opportunity to Support Individuals Seeking a ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential

Grant Purpose: Provide funds to districts, Special Education Units (SEUS), or Regional Education Agencies (REAs) to support personnel pursuing the ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential. These funds are being provided by HB 2284 section 19.

Application Timeframe:

- Round 1 – [Apply here](#). Applications are due February 23, 2024; Grants are to be awarded March 8, 2024.

If funds remain:

- Round 2 – Applications are due August 30, 2024; Grants to be awarded September 13, 2024.

Implementation Timeframe: Funds may be applied to activities occurring between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025.

Amount: \$3,000 per Individual

Who: Districts, Special Education Units* and Regional Education Agencies* may apply for funding to assist individuals in obtaining the ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia Credential. The number of grants issued to interested entities for the first round will be capped based on student enrollment numbers as follows:

- Districts with up to 1,000 students – One application/grant of \$3,000.
- Districts with 1,001 to 4,999 students – Two applications/grants of \$3,000 each.
- Districts with over 5,000 students – Three applications/grants of \$3,000 each.
- Special Education Unit or Regional Education Agency – One application/grant of \$3,000.

Additional opportunities per district for round two grants will be based on applications received and remaining funds.

*SEUs and REAs may apply for a grant to support an individual employed by the SEU/REA if they provide /will provide direct services to students within their staffing assignment. SEUs and REAs must include a description of this student service plan in addition to the course of study plan.

Approved use of funds includes tuition, books, CERI exam fees, stipend for non-contracted time, and related substitute expenses for coursework or practicum that directly leads to ND dyslexia credential acquisition. The individual must be on pace to complete coursework by June 2025.

Process: District/REA/SEU Representative completes one application per individual identifying:

- The name of the individual pursuing the credential.
- The individual's plan of study for earning the credential includes a timeline of coursework for which the expenses are requested. All activities must demonstrate progress toward earning the ND Specialist Trained in Dyslexia credential.
- SEUs or REAs must also submit a description of the planned use of the individual's dyslexia credential within their assignment.

Funds will be claimed through the reimbursement process and must include the following:

- Receipt/ledger showing evidence of expenses
- Evidence of completion of coursework