

Science of Reading High-Quality Instructional Materials Grant Guidance

Through ESSER III funding, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is offering an opportunity for public school districts to apply for a grant to aid in purchasing high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) aligned with the Science of Reading. This grant is for elementary reading instructional materials (K-5 or K-6).

These grants will range between \$10,000 and \$50,000 and will be awarded through an application process.

Who is eligible to apply?

- North Dakota public school districts
 - First priority will be given to districts not currently receiving a literacy grant (CLSD or SLI).
 - Second priority will be given to CLSD-funded districts considered high poverty.

How can the funds be used?

- 90% - 100% of awarded funds on HQIM (line 600)
 - Core reading HQIM
 - Approved list
 - Supplemental HQIM
 - Approved list
 - Intervention HQIM
 - Approved list
- 0 - 10% of awarded funds on Implementation and Process
 - Travel for curriculum fair (500)
 - Offerings can be found on the [SEEC website](#)
 - Stipends for instructional material review team (100)
 - Implementation support & training (300)

Application Process:

The application window will be from November 27 to December 20, 2023. Applications will require a signature document to be attached. The application and signature document are on the [HQIM Grant webpage](#).



Award Process:

A team of reviewers from the NDDPI will review applications. Districts will be notified of acceptance or denial by January 5, 2024. Grants will then be built in the WebGrants system for districts to begin the budgeting and reimbursement process.

Funds and Claims:

This funding period will be January 8 to September 30, 2024. Any funds not claimed by the end date will be returned to the NDDPI. Districts are responsible for submitting regular claims and keeping within the 120-day expenditure rule. All claims will require a ledger and any invoices to be attached.

Coding for this grant will be as follows:

- Revenue code: 4590
- Project code: 112

Support:

Resources will be available on the HQIM website. There will be opportunities for awarded schools to attend curriculum fairs throughout the state and reach out to districts already implementing instructional materials from the approved list.

The NDDPI team will host two Q&A sessions during the application window. The [link](#) to join the Teams meeting will be the same for both days:

- Thursday, November 30, 2023 @ 12:30 PM Central
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 3:30 PM Central

Questions:

Please contact [Taylor Olsen](#), at (701) 328-2629, with any further questions regarding this grant.