



Summer Reading Camp Grant Opportunity

Competitive Grant Opportunity Total Amount of Funds Available: **Up to \$2,000,000**

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to build, evaluate, enrich and/or sustain evidence-based summer reading programming for schools with the most intense needs in Iowa. Anticipated results include increased achievement in literacy and decreased achievement gaps.

Requirements

To realize the benefits of summer reading programming, students need to regularly attend the program, receive explicit academic instruction during their time in the program, and have access to high-quality staff. In addition, barriers to access need to be considered such as cost, availability, transportation, accessibility, and aligning programs. Therefore, to take part in this grant opportunity, specific requirements must be met.

Eligibility

All public elementary schools are eligible to apply. Significant priority will be awarded to schools that commit to including the state-provided digital literacy program in the 2024 summer school plan, as well as the 2025 summer school plan.

Schools that have the following designations will also be given priority.

- Any school designated as Comprehensive School in Need of Improvement (CSI);
- Any school designated as Extended Comprehensive School in Need of Improvement (E-CSI);
- Any school designated as Targeted School in Need of Improvement (TSI) or Extended Targeted School in Need of Improvement (E-TSI) located within a district that also has one or more schools designated as either CSI or E-CSI.

Implementation Plan ([Application Example Template Linked Here](#)) Application available in [iowaGrants.gov](https://iowagrants.gov).

Eligible schools interested in the Summer Reading Camp grant opportunity must develop a plan with a brief description that addresses each of the following:

1. **Need** for the program(s) based on student performance, needs of the school and how this fits into the broader picture of the district.
2. **Program Description** that includes a description of the program, including (a) focus pillar or pillars (phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension) (b) evidence-based interventions to be used, (c) how the school will ensure fidelity of implementation of the selected intervention, including the state-provided digital literacy program if applicable and (d) how the program will align with ELA core instruction during the school year.
3. **Projected Costs** for the program, including the provided budget table that outlines how the funds will be used to carry out evidenced-based summer school activities to advance student achievement. For guidance on appropriate use of funds, see [ESSER III guidance](#).
4. **Plan for Implementation** of the program(s), including (a) a plan to ensure daily attendance, (b) how students will be transported to and from the program, (c) high quality staff that will be providing services, and (d) community partnerships if applicable.

Allocations

Awards ([Scoring Rubric Example Template Linked Here](#)) Application available on [iowaGrants.gov](https://iowagrants.gov).

Schools may apply for any award amount up to \$100,000. Grants will be awarded until the funds are exhausted.

Questions/Contact