



# Rhode Island READS Grant

## Funding Fact Sheet

The goal of the **Rhode Island READS Grant** is to improve literacy achievement for all K-12 students. This project will focus on literacy coaching and improving educator capacity for delivering high-quality, evidence-based literacy instruction across the state.

### RI READS Goals

1. Improve the quality of literacy instruction by working with a state-endorsed literacy coach
2. Implement evidence-based and intentionally aligned instruction and interventions to provide student experiences that are aligned and coherent across Tiers I-III
3. Develop cooperative agreements with educator preparation providers to implement high-quality literacy instruction
4. Ensure all teacher candidate graduates demonstrate proficiency in high-quality curriculum materials by 2028

### Eligible Applicants

All local education agencies are eligible to apply and must:

- Serve a high percentage of high-needs schools, and
- Have the most students from low-income families compared to other LEAs in the state
- Be among the LEAs with the highest number or percentage of students struggle with reading or writing, based on the latest state test data.

### Funding Highlights

**\$40M\*** Total Funding (5 yrs)  
**40 Awards** anticipated

#### Distribution of funds:

- 15% Birth to Age 5
- 40% Elementary
- 40% Middle & High School

### Timeline

**Applications Due:**  
**February 28, 2025**

Awards Announced:  
**April 2025**

### NWEA Priority Solutions

- MAP Reading Fluency with Coach
- MAP Growth

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