



EARLY LITERACY ALIGNMENT MINI GRANT OVERVIEW: ROUND TWO

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GEORGIA FOUNDATION FOR EARLY CARE + LEARNING & GEORGIA FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

About the Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant

The Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant (ELA Mini Grant) provides up to \$5,000 funding to rural Georgia public elementary schools seeking to vertically align innovative literacy practices with local child care programs. Specifically, the grant funds strategic partnerships between child care providers and local public elementary schools as they engage in collaborative professional learning to align their literacy practices to facilitate a smooth transition for rising pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. The ELA Mini Grant is made possible through the generous donations to the [Georgia Foundation for Early Care & Learning](#) and to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education via the [PEACH Education Tax Credit](#). Selected child care program partners must be located within the feeder LEA for your elementary school. The Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant Program must include the following features: 1) The LEA applicant must partner with at least one local child care provider acknowledging active participation in the program and 2) the program must center on literacy professional development based on the Science of Reading.

Award Timeline

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR	GRANT APPLICATION OPENS	GRANT APPLICATION DUE	REVIEWED AND ANNOUNCED	IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE
January 15, 2025	January 20, 2025	February 10, 2025	February 21, 2025	Early March 2025 to August 31, 2025

Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to apply for an ELA Mini Grant if you meet all of the following criteria: 1) You are the Principal/Assistant Principal of a Georgia public elementary school and 2) You are partnered with at least one local child care provider that has received a Quality Rating.

To access the application:

<https://decal.smapply.us/prog/early-literacy-alignment-mini-grant-round-two>

To register for an informational webinar on the grant opportunity:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e0fc7d08-a2fd-4a4c-988c-e3c89eca53f4@b8e0a1a4-a274-4c23-97e9-608b64c12f4e>

To identify Quality Rated Child Care programs in your community, visit: qualityrated.org or families.decal.ga.gov

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