



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EAM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Supporting Implementation of the  
*Alabama Literacy Act*

In support of the educational initiatives of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), an ARI Program Improvement Grant is an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) and educational preparation programs to enhance their implementation of the *Alabama Literacy Act* in Alabama public schools, including charter schools. This grant is designed to support initiatives that improve the quality, relevance, and effectiveness, ultimately preparing students for literacy success.

The deadline to submit the ARI Program Improvement Grant application is Friday, June 21, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Follow the instructions on the ALSDE [ARI Program Improvement Grant](#) link to apply.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Literacy Leadership Specialists or contact Mrs. Bonnie Short, ARI Director, by telephone at 334-694-4632 or by email at [bonnie.short@alsde.edu](mailto:bonnie.short@alsde.edu).

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