

MONTANA STATE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

CLASSROOM STUDIES AND RESEARCH GRANT

The Montana State Literacy Association will fund Classroom Project Grants intended to assist practitioners in implementing current reading research and innovative practices existing, or to be piloted, in present programs. This provides educators with opportunities to explore new ideas and/or to examine existing practices as they relate to learning outcomes. Implementation of the proposed project will be during the 2020-2021 school year.

GUIDELINES:

1. Classroom Teacher Project Grant funds could be used for (but are not limited to) in- service training, consultant fees, other instructional salaries, out-of-classroom experiences, materials, supplies, etc. All proposed budget line items must support the grant objectives.
2. Eligible for current members after your first full year of MSLA membership.
3. Application forms are included with these guidelines. Applications are available through local councils, the State Literacy Association, and the Grants & Scholarships Chairperson. **Completed applications must be returned on or before March 31, 2020.**
4. Applications will be reviewed by the Studies and Research Committee, and applicants will be notified on or before May 1, 2020.
5. Recipients of the project grant will receive the grant monies during the summer of 2020, so that the awardee can prepare for implementing the project in the fall.
6. Projects are funded for one year only and must be completed on or before June 15, 2021.
7. The Project Director will submit by June 15, 2021, a final financial report and an article relating to the research project to be published on the *MSLA website – Literacy Voices*.
8. The Project Director will also present a sectional relating to the research project at the 2021 Montana State Literacy Conference.

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GRANT APPLICATION:

Check One: Elementary _____ Middle _____ Secondary _____

Title of Project: _____

Funds requested for this project \$ _____

(\$1,000 Maximum)

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify all the facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Project Director

School

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Email Address

Telephone

I certify that I have reviewed and support this grant proposal.

Signature of Building Principal Telephone

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OUTLINE FOR GRANT PROPOSAL:

1. **Proposal Summary or Abstract:** This should be a brief description of the project.

2. **Objectives:** These should be specific statements of what the project is to accomplish. What is the purpose of the project? (It is sometimes helpful to form a question that you would like to answer.) What do you hope to discover?

3. **Method:** Identify and summarize the activities that will help you achieve the stated objectives or goals. How will you find the answer(s) to your questions?

4. **Assessment:** Describe the process used to measure the success of the project. What types of information will you collect and analyze? This does not have to be a formal or standardized measurement (although it can be). Alternative ways of providing information for reflection and assessment are valued. These "devices" should relate directly to the objectives or goals of the project.

5. **Budget:** The budget portion should relate directly to the objectives and activities of the project. Each item in the budget should be accompanied by an explanation of how and why that item is needed to achieve the goals of the project.

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM & PROPOSAL TO:

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DUE: March 31, 2020