


An SEA may reserve **up to 5 percent** of its allocation for activities related to implementing its comprehensive literacy plan and administering subgrants. All remaining funds (**at least 95 percent**) must be used to make competitive subgrants to one or more LEAs or, for the purposes of providing early literacy services, to one or more early childhood education programs.

SEAs are also required to ensure that **at least 15 percent** of the subgranted funds are used to serve children from birth through age 5; and **40 percent** each to serve students in kindergarten through

grade 5 and students in grades 6 through 12. Further, States must equitably distribute funds among grades within the kindergarten through grade 5 and grades 6 through 12 spans.

State Use of Funds:

 State Activities.....up to 5%

 Competitive Subgrants.....at least 95%

Subgrant Distribution Requirements:

Birth through Age 5.....at least 15%

K through Grade 5.....40%

Grades 6 through 12.....40%

LEAs or early childhood education programs that receive subgrants from SEAs under this program must serve a high percentage of disadvantaged children, such as children from low-income families, children with disabilities, or English learners, and must represent diverse geographical areas.

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Early childhood education programs that receive subgrants must have a demonstrated record of providing comprehensive literacy instruction for children aged birth through 5.

The End



current funding

\$190 million
FY 2018

(known as Striving Readers under NCLB)

purpose: to support efforts to improve literacy instruction in high-need schools or early childhood education programs.



The Secretary is required to reserve **one-half of 1 percent** for the Department of the Interior to carry out comprehensive literacy programs in schools operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education; and, **one-half of 1 percent** for the Outlying Areas. Also, the Secretary may reserve **up to 5 percent** for national activities, which includes a national evaluation, technical assistance and training, data collection, and reporting.

Remaining funds are used to provide

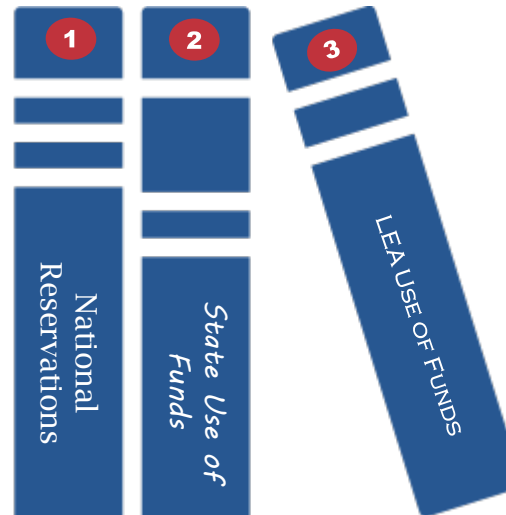
competitive grants to SEAs. In awarding grants, the Secretary is required to give priority to SEAs that will use grant funds for evidence-based activities.

National Reservations:

 Bureau of Indian Education.....0.5%

 Outlying Areas.....0.5%

 National Activities.....up to 5%



duration of grant

awards: grants are awarded for a period of **not more than 5 years**. Grants may be renewed for an additional **2-year period** upon

the termination of the initial period of the grant if the grant recipient meets the terms of the Secretary.



priority applications:

SEAs that will use the grant funds for evidence-based activities.