



## COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM



**eligibility:** the program may award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to one or more LEAs in which **at least 20 percent** of the students are from low-income families; the Bureau of Indian Education; or eligible national non-profit organizations to promote programs that develop literacy skills in low-income communities.



**current funding**

**\$27 million**  
FY 2018

**purpose:** to support projects that develop and enhance school libraries and support professional development for school librarians, provide early literacy services to young children, and provide high-quality books to children and adolescents in low-income communities.



**use of funds:** to— develop or enhance existing school library programs by providing professional learning opportunities to school

librarians or refreshing library materials in high-need schools; support early literacy services, including conducting outreach to parents of young children to ensure that families have access to developmentally appropriate materials and are encouraged to read aloud to their young children; and distribute high-quality books to children and adolescents to increase students' reading motivation, performance, and frequency.