

Minnesota Department of Education (MN) (S371C190002) \$2,700,000 propose to make new subgrants. Minnesota anticipates funding an additional 20-40 districts and provide training to approximately 1,000-2,000 educators. The subgrants will go to districts who commit to training a high percentage of their teachers in each of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) age/grade bands. The Minnesota Department of Education (MNDE) recently updated their statewide literacy plan and identified several key areas that need additional focus and support. One area is the need to build educator and leadership capacity related to the science of reading. The new subgrantees will need to show a robust plan for alignment with the science of reading in their projects. While this has been an ongoing focus in MNDE, further work is needed to ensure the key tenets are embedded into the framework of the schools receiving the funding. Additional, targeted resources will ensure that this objective is reached. In addition, family literacy is an important aspect of Minnesota's literacy plan. These funds will allow them to partner with an outside organization to develop a family engagement tool kit. The development of a tool kit that specifically focuses on how to bring families more fully into the discussion of what to do for struggling readers will be extremely beneficial. Districts and schools lack the capacity right now to develop individual family engagement plans. A tool kit will ensure that all subgrantees are given the support necessary to conduct intensive and effective outreach.