

Arkansas Department of Education (AR) (S371C190024) \$2,700,000 proposes to provide funds to existing subgrantees to further support the use of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM). Arkansas Department of Education (ARDE) has invested significant time and resources into identifying HQIM for their LEAs. Their existing subgrantees were required to choose curriculum that has been identified as HQIM and focus their High-Quality Professional Learning (HQPL) on supporting teachers as they implement in the classroom. The push to identify, and require use of, HQIM has had a clear impact with over 95% of kindergarten through second graders in the state having access to this type of instruction. These supplemental funds will be used to ensure that students in fourth through twelfth grade have the same access to high-quality materials. While this is one piece of the puzzle, how well the materials are being utilized in the classroom is another key area of focus. The supplemental funds will be used to further enhance professional development offered to English Language Acquisition teachers by increasing the intensity and quantity of individualized support. Resources will be targeted to subgrantees who have been challenged by lack of capacity when it comes to improving literacy instruction.