

Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (MO) (S371C200019)
\$1,327,699 proposes to expand multilingual resources to students, educators, and families in Missouri's underserved areas. The number of English Learners (ELs) in Missouri has steadily increased from just under 20,000 in 2010 to slightly more than 39,000 in 2022. Of the more than 500 districts in Missouri, five districts have a student body that consists of more than 30% ELs; eight districts have 20-29%; seventeen districts have 10-19%; seventy-four have 2-9%; eighty-four have less than 1%, and the remaining have fewer than 1% identified as ELs. Missouri's EL population is increasing, but unfortunately the number of teachers trained to support their literacy needs has not. Supplemental funding is requested for Years 3 through 5 of the grant.