



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Digital Learning Provider Competitive Grant Instructions

The Arkansas Department of Education is offering competitive grants to approved digital providers based on the recommendations from the Arkansas Digital Task Force. These grants are intended to expand access to, and opportunity for, digital learning throughout the state of Arkansas.

The applications consists of six (6) narrative sections, course list, and budget summary. Incomplete or partial applications will not be reviewed. A successful application will address at a minimum two of the grant objectives listed below. Once awarded, the ADE will work with the Digital Learning Provider to complete all necessary grant paperwork and establish goals and monitoring to ensure a successful grant.

Grant objectives:

1. Expand the availability, efficiency and quality of digital learning through a competitive grant opportunity.
2. Increase student access to courses not widely offered in the state
3. Expand opportunities for new course offerings by introducing courses currently not approved by The Arkansas Department of Education
4. Innovative collaboration by the digital provider to public schools, higher education or businesses.
5. Meet the needs of at-risk students (i.e. reading intervention, accelerated credits, etc.)

The maximum amount per Digital Provider will be \$250,000 a year for up to two years if funding is available. Renewal of the grant will be based on overall success of the grant which may include participant evaluations, goals met, and compliance with ADE reporting.

Minimum grant request: \$50,000

Grant deadline: February 22, 2019

Mail to:

**Arkansas Department of Education
Attn: Abby Cress
Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201**

Digital Learning Provider Competitive Grant Application

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Website: _____

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Contact Phone _____

Narrative

Please provide no more than one page (12 pt) for each section below.

- **Section One: Organizational Information**
Provide a description of the Digital Learning Provider, including history, mission and goals of the organization. Please include if already approved as a digital provider and information regarding current districts that use your services.
- **Section Two: Grant Narrative**
Provide a description of the proposal to expand access and opportunity throughout the state. A minimum of two grant objectives must be addressed to qualify for consideration of the grant.
- **Section Three: Digital Learning Quality**
Provide a description of how the Digital Learning Provider ensures and maintains quality programs, including any endorsements and recognitions. Provide information regarding teacher qualifications or instructors including minimum qualifications and required background checks.
- **Section Four: Innovative Collaboration**
Provide a description of how the Digital Learning Provider will collaborative with other educational institutions, community partners, and experts in the field. Please describe any current or previous collaborations with educational organizations in Arkansas.
- **Section Five: Results**
Provide a description of the results that you are committed to achieving during the grant period and evidence that results are achievable. Please include goals related to access and opportunity; quality assurance; and student engagement.
- **Section Six: Summary**
Provide a closing summary to address how this digital learning grant is unique and provides the best opportunity for students in the state of Arkansas.

Attachments

- Provide a list of courses with descriptions to be offered
- Budget Summary which includes per student cost

Digital Learning Provider Budget Summary

Digital Provider _____

	Budget	Brief Explanation
Salaries: List positions and total expected salary and briefly describe the role each position will play in carrying out the goals and objectives	\$ _____	
Operating Expenses: Include operating expenses that will be charged to the project, including but not limited to office supplies, rent, printing, postage, etc.	\$ _____	
Travel Expenses: Provide amounts budgeted for travel and briefly describe how travel expenses relates to goals of the project.	\$ _____	
Contracts: Provide description of any services to be contracted, and describe how such services relate to the goals.	\$ _____	
Other: Provide description of any related information as it relates to the goals.	\$ _____	
Total Grant Request:	\$ _____	
Cost Per Student:	\$ _____	Number of students: _____

As a representative of the named Digital Provider, I certify that I have the authority to submit the grant application and that information within the grant is accurate to the extent of my knowledge. If application is approved, I acknowledge that additional information regarding financial policies and measurable student goals must be agreed upon before final approval.

Authorized Representative and Title

Date

Scoring Rubric		
Components of Grant	Criteria	Total Points Possible
10pts: Section One: Organizational Information	Stability of the Provider	10
15pts: Section Two: Grant Narrative	Feasibility of Grant Proposal	5
	Addressed 1 Goal	5
	Addressed 2nd Goal	5
10 pts: Section Three: Digital Learning Quality	Digital Quality	5
	Teacher Qualifications	5
15 pts: Section Four: Innovative Collaboration	Partnerships	15
15 pts: Section Five: Results	Access and Opportunity	5
	Quality Assurance	5
	Student Engagement	5
5 pts: Section Six: Summary	Innovation	5
15 pts: List of Courses	Expanded opportunity	15
15 pts: Budget	Cost per student	15
TOTAL Points Possible		100