**FAQ FY25 RDIF Mini Grant**

1. Can the funds be used for a coach to lead fidelity implementation coaching of the MTSS HQIR ?
2. No. The RDIF Mini Grant funds structured literacy high-quality instructional resources for tiers 2 and/or 3, and/or the cost of curriculum-based professional learning connected to an existing or newly purchased HQIR to support tiers 2 and/or 3 structured literacy interventions, and/or the cost for extended time or release time for teachers to engage in the professional learning of the existing or newly purchased HQIR to support tiers 2 and/or 3 structured literacy interventions. Primary, or tier 1, HQIRs rated green on EdReports may be considered for purchase with mini-grant funds for the purpose of implementing tier 2 instruction.
3. If a school has previously received the RDIF mini grant, are they eligible to reapply?
4. Yes. Schools previously awarded the RDIF Mini Grant may apply but only to further implement the HQIR identified in the previous award or to select an HQIR for a different tier of instruction.
5. Can grant funds be used to extend a contract with a current vendor?
6. Yes. For a district/school asking for funding to further implement a previously purchased HQIR for tier 2 and/or tier 3 structured literacy instruction, the HQIR must meet the same requirements expected of a newly purchased HQIR. An instructional Resources Alignment Rubric for K-2 and/or 3-12 must be submitted with the application for the previously purchased program.
7. Can you apply for the grant again if you have received it twice?
8. Yes. Schools previously awarded the RDIF Mini Grant may apply but only to further implement the HQIR identified in the previous award or to select an HQIR for a different tier of instruction.
9. Would Amplify products qualify as HQIR, with the ESSA evidence and efficacy study information?
10. Possibly. Instructional resources requested for purchase with RDIF mini grant funds must be structured-literacy based, aligned with the KAS for Reading and Writing, research-based and/or externally validated, comprehensive to include engaging texts, tasks and assessments, based on fostering vibrant student learning experiences, culturally relevant, free from bias, and accessible for all students.
11. Will we have a rubric to use in writing our grants?  In the past, one has been provided.
12. The rubric is on pages 11-12 of the posted RFA.
13. Can funds be used to purchase a diagnostic assessment?
14. If assessments are embedded within a structured literacy, tier 2 and/or tier 3 instructional resource, that is fine; however, independent assessments may not be purchased with RDIF mini grant funding.
15. Can the mini grant fund the cost of UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) professional learning for our staff as a resource, since it is under review now?
16. Yes.
17. Are the applications from awardees from last year available to view? How
18. The top-scoring application from FY24 will be posted on the KDE Competitive Grants page as a reference.
19. Can I request a copy of a specific awarded application from last year that was not written by our district?
20. The request may be hand-delivered, mailed, sent via facsimile, or emailed to the agency's records custodian at [**Todd.Allen@education.ky.gov**](mailto:Todd.Allen@education.ky.gov). While the above-named agencies of the Commonwealth do not require any specific request form to be completed in order to request public records, requesters may use the [**Open Records request form**](https://www.education.ky.gov/districts/legal/Documents/Open%20Records%20Request%20Form.pdf) to make a request.
21. Can we get a copy of the survey?
22. Surveys are not available for review at this time.
23. Who takes the survey? Admin or teachers?
24. There will be a survey for both administrators and teachers to complete.
25. If we received a FY24 RDIF award and used it to purchase the resource and to pay for the initial PD on the resource, and we know our teachers would benefit from additional, more detailed PD around the resource, are we eligible to apply for FY25 grant JUST for the PD funds, because the HQIR has already been purchased.
26. Yes. Schools previously awarded the RDIF Mini Grant may apply but only to further implement the HQIR identified in the previous award. This includes more curriculum based professional learning to successfully implement the HQIR identified in the previous award.
27. If a school was awarded the RDIF mini grant previously can the grant be written for less than $40K?
28. No.
29. Last time, we wrote the grant for Tier 2 to be used in the classroom by all teachers.  Can we write the grant this year for Tier 2 pull-out intervention with a different HQIR?
30. No. Schools previously awarded the RDIF Mini Grant may apply but only to further implement the HQIR identified in the previous award or to select an HQIR for a different tier of instruction.
31. On the cover page, the assurance of commitment mentions the superintendent, district-level personnel, and principal.  Should there be a line for the signature of the district-level person?
32. A revised RFA will be posted soon, and that line will be removed. It is not needed.
33. I have a K-2 school and a 3-5 school. Do I submit two separate applications/proposals and is it possible for the district to receive two grants?
34. Yes. You would submit a separate application for each school. It is possible for a district to receive more than one grant.