



Early Literacy Success Initiative

Update to the House Education Committee

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In This Presentation

Updates on the three Early Literacy Success Initiatives under ODE's purview:



Early Literacy Success
Tribal Grants



Early Literacy Success
Community Grants



Early Literacy Success
School District Grants

Early Literacy Success Community Grants

\$10 million | Strengthen and expand community-based services, supports for parents as their children's first teachers, and supports for sovereign tribal nations indigenous language development.



\$2 million | Tribal Grants

- Non-competitive set aside equally distributed to 9 Tribes (\$220,000 each)
- Based on Tribal Consultation
- Each Tribe to develop a Project Plan for investing funds aligned to grant purpose and AI/AN Student Success Plan



\$8 million | Community Grants

- Statewide Request for Applications (RFA) process to administer grants
- Grantees to implement the Early Literacy Community Framework & Toolkit (community-focused guidance and resources with essential foundations, practices, and conditions to achieve the literacy outcomes)

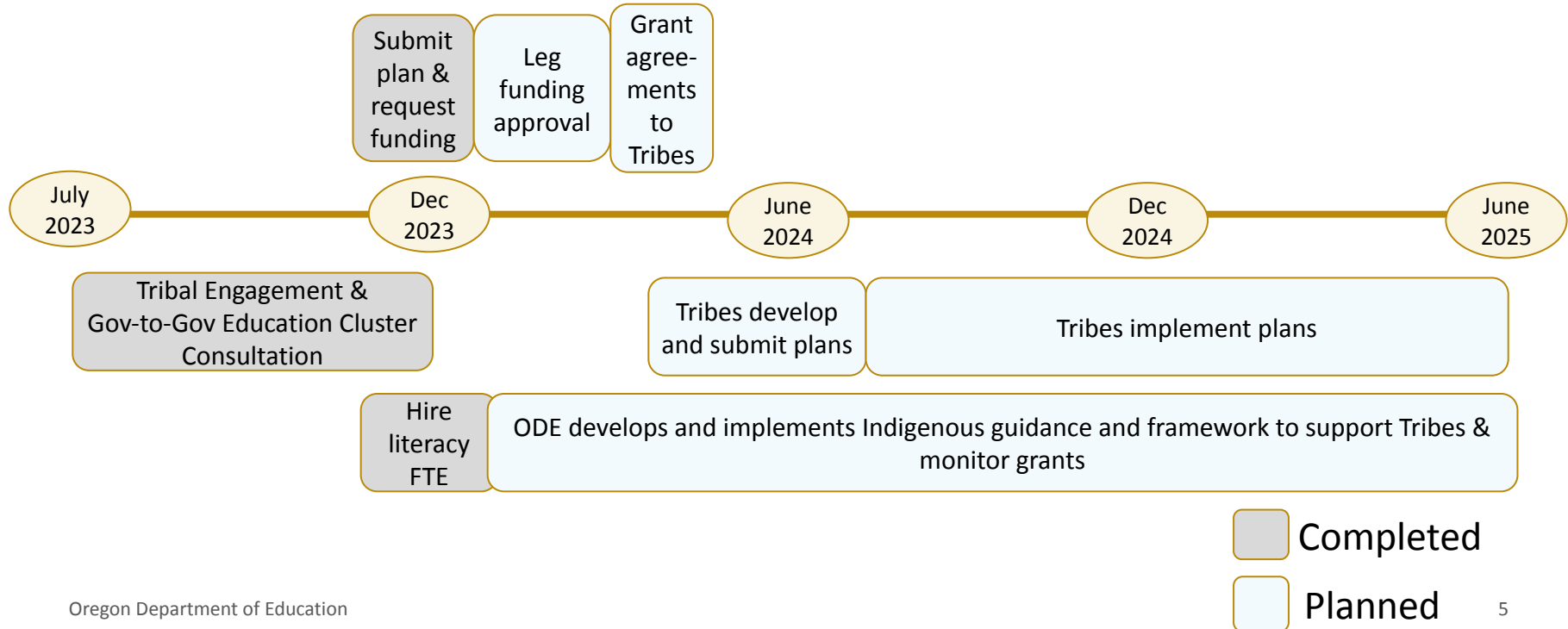
Note: \$10 million currently has a \$1 expenditure limitation, subject to Legislative approval of ODE's plan. ³



Early Literacy Success Tribal Grants



Proposed Tribal Grants Work Plan

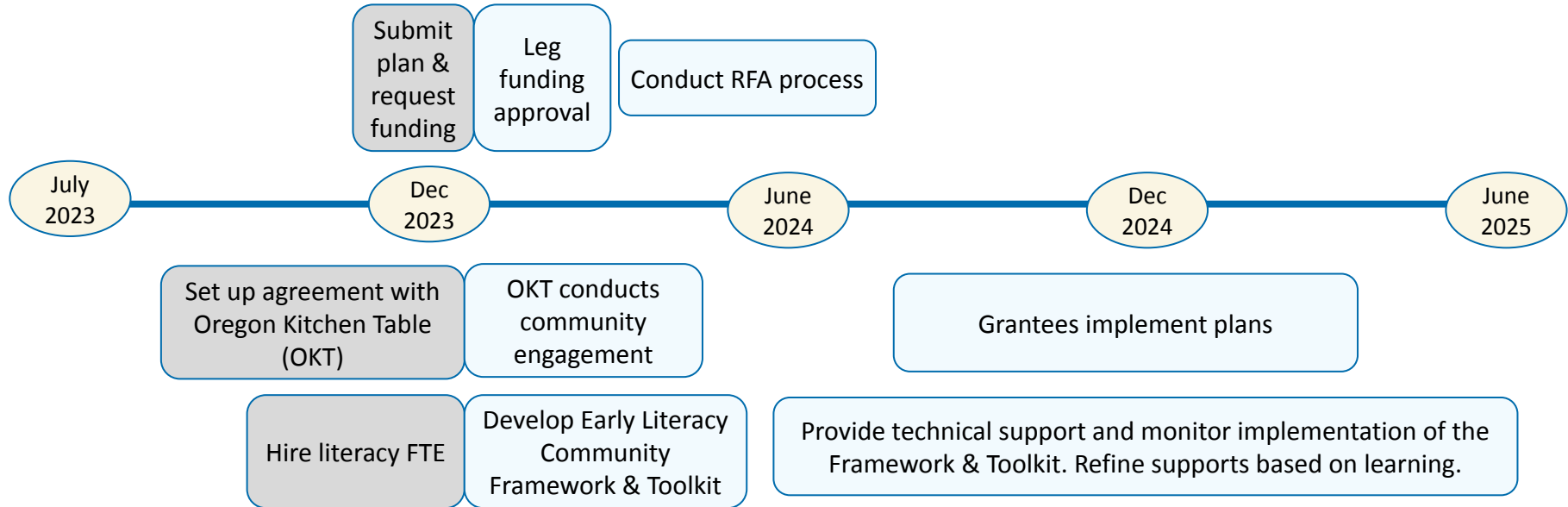




Early Literacy Success Community Grants



Proposed Community Grant Work Plan



 Completed

 Planned



Early Literacy Success School District Grants

Complimentary Investments

Early Literacy Success School District Grants

ESSER Key Investment #7:

- K-5 Framework development and deep statewide learning resources and experiences
- 6-12 Framework development
- Library revitalization grants



Implementation



ODE has moved both urgently and thoughtfully.

May 2023	Oregon's Early Literacy Framework is published
August 2023	HB 3198 signed into law
September 2023	Preliminary Early Literacy School Grant information published; temporary rules for <u>definitions</u> and <u>fund administration</u> adopted by the State Board of Education
October 1, 2023	<u>School District Grant Application & Guidance</u> released
October 2023 - January 2024	Grant application development and technical assistance for eligible applicants
Dec 1, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024	Grant application window

The Jumpstart Biennium 23-25



Ambitious Implementation Timeline. The timeline for applicants to build a plan and apply for funds was very fast.

- As a result, the first biennium of implementation--and especially the first year--serves as a jumpstart for districts, a **“Jumpstart Biennium.”**
- **Serves as an on-ramp** for applicants to begin implementing early literacy changes and provide space for collective statewide learning, adjustment, and growth.
- **Allows for engagement and input on applicants’ early literacy plans and the permanent rule making process**, while honoring the urgency of the moment and timeline set forth in the legislation.

Implementation Highlights

- **Partnership:** Consistent opportunities to work alongside ESDs, COSA, Stand for Children.
- **Technical Assistance:** 35 in-person or virtual opportunities to support district & eligible charter school participation and completion of Early Literacy grant applications.
- **Programmatic Coordination:** Application review process and infrastructure designed to address urgency of the Jumpstart Biennium and align to Integrated Guidance, to the extent possible.
- **Oregon's First Literacy Team:** Five of seven positions on the Literacy Team have been hired, including our Director of Literacy.



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Next Steps

Application Review & Grant Awards

- Application review completion and signed grant agreements are anticipated for March-May of 2024.
- Continued technical assistance and support for applicants with incomplete applications or those needing revisions.

Supporting Implementation of HB 3198 & Oregon's Early Literacy Framework

- Continued technical assistance, resource development, and coaching to support effective district implementation of grant activities.
- ODE holds an ESSER-funded contract with WestEd to develop professional development in support of district early literacy practices beginning in the Spring of 2024 and Oregon's Grade 6-12 Literacy Framework.

Next Steps (cont'd)



Supporting Implementation of HB 3198 & Oregon's Early Literacy Framework (cont'd)

- Spring 2024 Literacy Tour to support statewide awareness and momentum of early literacy efforts.

Alignment with Integrated Guidance

- Guidance for the 25-27 application will be released as part of the next round of Integrated Guidance in March 2024.
- This integration will bring Early Literacy School District Grant efforts into closer alignment for the next biennium, especially with regard to reporting, community engagement, and application.

Rule-Making Process & Update

- Given the broad range of perspectives and interest, ODE convened a Literacy Rules Advisory to gather additional input and inform permanent rules-making across all three grant programs.
- The Literacy Rules Advisory has met five times since October and will continue to be engaged throughout permanent rule-making.
- Adoption of permanent rules by the State Board of Education is anticipated in March 2024.
- These will likely be effective for the 2025-2027 application cycle, after the Jumpstart Biennium.



Thank you, Legislature, for Sponsoring Literacy

“Reading science has shown us what needs to be amplified in early reading, but for this practice to be equitable for students, we must also address the how. ... To implement foundational skills programs equitably, we also must ensure that in addition to holding high expectations for all students that all students have access to a full range of supports, culturally relevant content and practices, and aligned instructional materials.”

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