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**State Formula Grant/State Literacy Team  
Under the  
Literacy Initiative**

The total allocation for the new literacy initiative is \$250 million. From that total appropriation, \$10 million is reserved for a state formula grant program. The formula grant will be based on each state's Title I allocation. Each state will receive a minimum of \$150,000 to support statewide literacy efforts from birth through grade 12.

The purpose of the state formula grant is to oversee the following requirements:

- To establish or support a State Literacy Team with expertise in literacy development and education for children from birth through grade 12.
- To develop a comprehensive literacy plan for children from birth through grade 12.
- To provide for statewide literacy professional development, technical assistance, and training.

The new funds present an exciting challenge to address literacy within the state in a comprehensive manner. Most prior literacy grants pertained exclusively to early childhood or elementary-aged children. This new initiative presents an opportunity to explore research-based literacy initiatives from birth through grade 12.