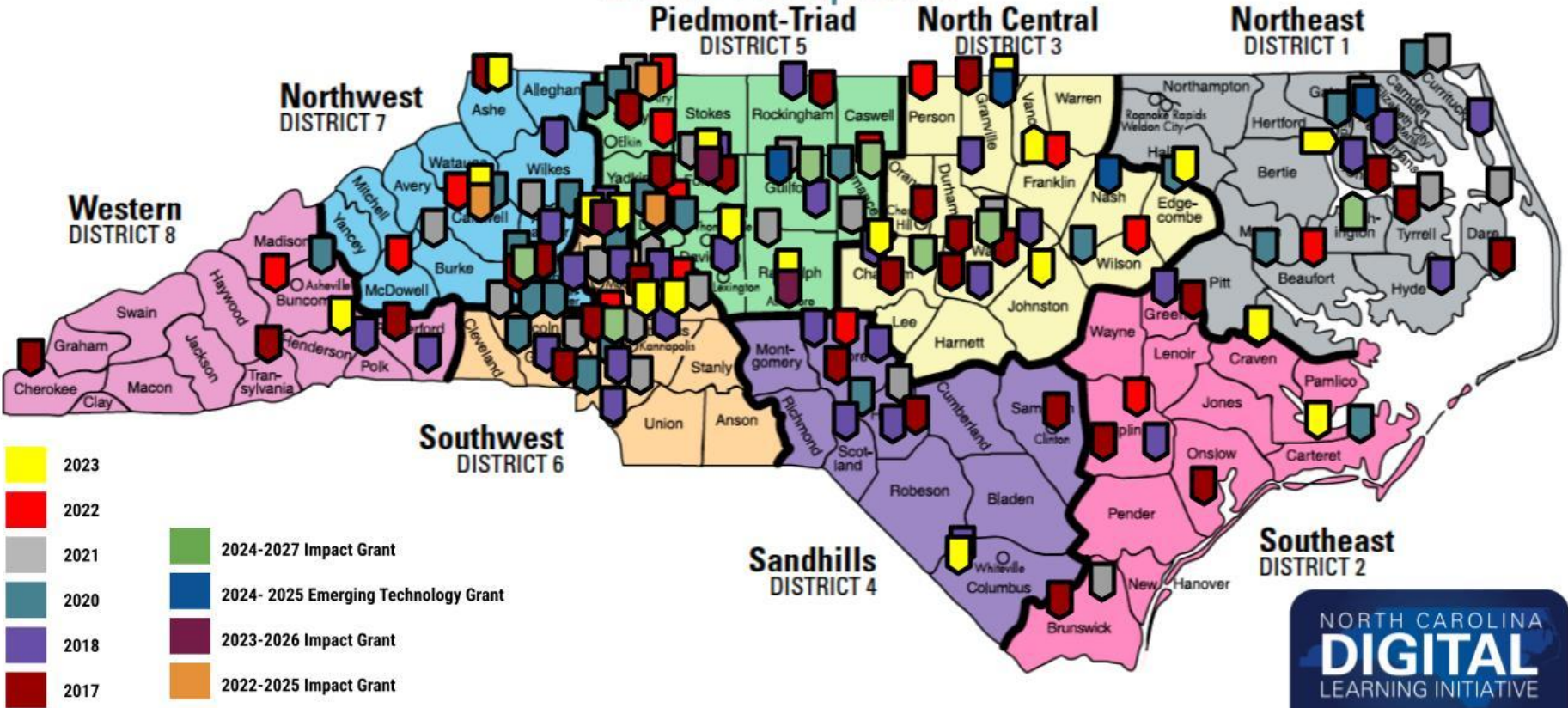


Digital Learning Initiative Grants Request for Proposals



Digital-Age Learning Initiative Grant Recipients



Digital Learning Initiative Grant Updates

- Digital Learning Impact Grant
 - An inclusive, supportive, and sustainable grant cycle
 - The intention of this grant is to provide an opportunity for PSUs to prioritize NC Digital Learning Competencies and Digital Learning Standards for Students through the use of:
 - Blended Learning
 - Innovative Digital Teaching and Learning Practices
 - Coaching
 - Data Informed Instructional Practices
 - Emerging Technologies
 - Personalized Learning
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Library Renovation, Programming, Collection Development and Community Support for Hurricane Helene-Affected Area
 - Up to \$95,000.00 for THREE YEARS for Traditional PSUs
 - Up to \$30,000.00 for THREE YEARS for Charter, Regional, and Lab Schools

Library Rebuilding and Community Support for Hurricane Helene-Affected Areas Considerations

In response to the significant damage caused by Hurricane Helene, this grant cycle will add a new layer of support with a special emphasis on supporting school districts and schools in Western North Carolina to rebuild and enhance their libraries, collections, and library programs. The aim is not only to restore educational resources but also to serve as community hubs for recovery efforts. Funding priority will be given to initiatives that:

- Restore and Expand Library Collections
- Develop Community-Centered Programming
- Engage Students, Staff, and Families
- Integrate Digital Tools for Personalized Learning
- Foster Community Partnerships
- Library Infrastructure Rebuilding and Furnishing

AI Embedded Considerations

- Professional Learning
 - Staff
 - Student
 - Community
- Proactive Approach to Teaching and Mitigating Inaccuracies, Bias, Inequalities and other issues
- Guidelines and Usage
 - Continuous Review of usage and policy guidelines, AI practices, potential risks and emerging trends
 - Complying with age restrictions
 - Data usage practices
 - Including COPPA, CIPPA, IDEA, FERPA, and section 504
- Vendor Specific Requirements
 - Track student usage in minutes and mastery data
 - Instructional material that supports the best use of the program/product
 - Provide documented evidence of successful implementation
- Rubric Modifications and Guidelines required

Future Status

2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Digital Learning Impact Grant 3-year grant 3 Grants Awarded in 2022-2023					
	Digital Learning Impact Grant 3-year grant 3 Grants Awarded in 2022-2023 + the addition of 7 more Impact Grants				
		Digital Learning Impact Grant 3-year grant 10 Grants Awarded in 2022-2023 + the addition of 6 more Impact Grants			
			Digital Learning Impact Grant 3-year grant 3 Grants Awarded in 2023-2024 + the Addition of up to 5 more Impact Grants		



Grant Support

Grant Overview and Support Sessions	
Date and Time	Topic
December 9, 2024, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Overview of the Digital Learning Initiative Impact Grant
January 8, 2025, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Overview of the Digital Learning Initiative Impact Grant
March 11, 2025, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Overview of the Digital Learning Initiative Impact Grant
Every Friday from January 10- April 11 10 a.m.- 12 a.m.	Office Hours for Questions and Answers

Grant Support

Grant Overview and Support Sessions

Date and Time

Topic

Tuesday, January 28, 2025,
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

[Grant Guru: Crafting Compelling Narratives](#)

Description: Learn the art of storytelling in grant writing. This first session dives into structuring your proposal with clarity and purpose, engaging funders with a compelling narrative, and effectively communicating your project's goals. Perfect for those looking to make their applications stand out from the first page.

Tuesday, February 4, 2025,
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

[Grant Guru: Mastering Budgets and Deliverables](#)

Description: Discover how to create transparent and convincing budgets that align with your project's objectives. This second session covers best practices for budgeting, justifying expenses, and ensuring your deliverables align with funding requirements. Gain insights to confidently manage this crucial part of your grant proposal.

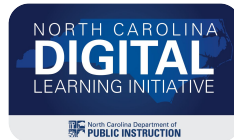
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

[Grant Guru: Finalizing and Strengthening Your Submission](#)

Description: Wrap up your grant application with a professional polish. In this final session, learn how to review and refine your submission, avoid common errors, and ensure your proposal meets funder expectations. This session includes tips for formatting, proofreading, and preparing for successful submission.

Tentative DLI Grant Timeline

DLI RFP Goes to SBE for Approval	December 5, 2024
DLI Grant Submissions are Open	December 6, 2024
DLI Grant Submissions Close	April 11, 2025
Tier 1 Review	April 15-April 24 2025
Tier 2 Review	April 28, 2024
Tier 3 Review	May 6, 2024
Goes to BSE for Approval of Grants	June 5, 2025



Questions

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