

Read Vermont FY 27 Budget Request

Vermont Agency of Education

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Reversion and Reappropriation Request

- \$700,000 of GF (originally federal ARPA SFRF funds) to support literacy outcomes under requirements of Act 139 (ReadVT)
- Original approp of \$4 million of ARPA SFRF funds for IT modernization projects → adjusted to \$3 million to reflect projected costs in Fy 25
- December 2024- AOA administrative action to convert some portion of remaining federal dollars to General Fund
- \$1.4 million in General Fund remaining
 - \$700,000 reserved as FY 26 carryforward to complete IT projects
 - Remaining \$700,000 requested for reversion and reappropriation to support ReadVT

Current Agency Support: Building District Literacy Capacity (next 12 months)

Read Vermont Literacy Institute (launched Nov 2025)

- 11 pilot schools | 70 educators & leaders
- Six-week coaching cycles + professional learning + classroom implementation
- Team-based, data-driven, continuous improvement model
- Multi-district cohorts to strengthen statewide alignment

Early Impact

- Educators already applying strategies in classrooms

What's Next

- Summer convening for 200+ educators statewide
- Expanding coaching and professional learning for SY26–27

Braided Funding Approach

Act 139 did not include an appropriation. One limited-service position was created (then made permanent). The AOE has been resourceful in braiding funding to support professional development for the field (including the use of ESSER and GEER federal funds in FY 25)

Resources for next 12 months:

- Title II- \$195k
- Title IV- prelim \$250k (*pending other budgeting decisions)
- FY 25 carryforward \$100K (DAB)
- FY 26 carryforward \$100K (DAB)
- Gen Fund (formerly ARPA SFRF funds) \$700k (**BAA/ FY 27 budget request**)

Questions?