



**From:** The Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM)

**To:** School Districts in Missouri with Military-Connected World Languages programs

**Subject:** Grant Opportunity Now Available: World Language Advancement and Readiness Act (WLARA), Fiscal Year 2021

**Description:**

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) seeks innovative applications for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of world language programs targeting elementary and secondary students. DoDEA intends to award multiple grants, subject to the availability of funds. Each individual award will be for a minimum of \$500,000.00 and may be up to a maximum of \$3,000,000, for a period of up to five (5) years.

**Eligibility:**

Eligible schools **must meet** the following two criteria:

1. Eligible school(s) must have a 10 percent or greater military-connected student enrollment for the school year (SY) 2019-20. The enrollment numbers may be verifiable from the district's U.S. Department of Education Impact Aid totals and/or the State Military Student Identifier data. For the purposes of this announcement, a military-connected student is defined as an elementary or secondary school student who is: (i) a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces; (ii) a dependent of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense; or (iii) a dependent of a person who is not a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of the Department of Defense but who is employed on Federal property.
2. Eligible school(s) must be a part of a LEA which currently hosts a unit of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) in one of their local high schools. JROTC programs, run through the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, are taught as elective courses at more than 3,000 high schools nationwide.

**Note from one of the Grant Managers:** *For clarification this grant opportunity is NOT for just schools with JROTCs (as you know elementary schools would not have a JROTC program; however, the grant is open to elementary and secondary students). The eligibility states that eligible schools must have a JROTC unit in ONE of the schools in their district (does not have to be the eligible school but at least a school in the district). The only school specific qualification is that the schools included in the grant must have at least 10% military-connected student enrollment.*

**How can I start the process?**

1. Review all the details here:  
<https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/PKG00265812-instructions.pdf>
2. Reach your World Languages Department Chair and make a team.
3. Share the information with your World Languages Coordinator or Curriculum and Instruction Chair and your Principal, so they can share it with the District Central Office.
4. Start the grant writing process. Ask your central office for assistance.
5. Grant form link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=331931>
6. Pre-recorded Technical Assistance Webinars (<https://dodeagrants.org/>): April 1, 2021
7. Due date to submit application: May 7, 2021