



## **Summer Reading 2021 Grant Application Requirements**

### **Summer Reading Funding Opportunity**

In 2019, only 49% of Sacramento County children could read at grade-level. The literacy crisis in Sacramento threatens to drastically impact this generation of children, their future and the future of our city. Summer Reading, kindergarten readiness and school attendance are the top three factors impacting a child's ability to read at grade-level. According to research, reading five age-appropriate books is what it takes to hold onto earned reading skills. Summer Reading programs are a great way to engage children during summer recess and prevent summer learning loss. Summer of 2021 will be imperative to prevent further reading skill degradation from the COVID-19 pandemic, with summer reading programs serving a vital role in accelerating grade-level reading proficiency.

### **Sacramento Literacy Foundation Goals**

1. To raise resources to grow children's programs that increase literacy skills.
2. To raise awareness of the literacy crisis in our community.
3. To encourage meaningful and strategic collaborative efforts to help every child in our community reach grade-level reading.

### **Grant Dollars Available**

Funding for Sacramento Literacy Foundation's children's literacy efforts are provided primarily by its Children's Literacy Endowment. This funding will be granted out to the community for qualified activities.

### **What We Will Fund**

Project-specific grants for organizations that provide summer reading programs for children and youth, ages birth through 18, in Sacramento County.

### **What We Will Not Fund**

Funds may not be used to replace state or local funds for staff or school personnel, or for celebration supplies, food and refreshments.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for funding, proposals must meet the following basic criteria:

1. Applicant agency must have 501(c)(3) status or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, or be a public elementary school located inside the SHRA Promise Zone;
2. Service area must impact literacy education programs for children and youth, ages birth through 18 (early education through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) in the SHRA Promise Zone.



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### **An award-winning application will meet all eligibility requirements and:**

1. Discuss the community served by the program and demonstrate why this program is important within the community.
2. Demonstrate how the organization works in collaboration with other community agencies or programs targeting children and youth literacy.
3. Show the reach/impact that the program has or has capacity to reach.
4. Provide a program budget.

### **Requirements of a funded project:**

1. Host a site visit by members of the Grants Committee.
2. Submit a report no more than 1 year after receiving the grant.

### **Timeline**

May 3, 2021 – Summer Reading grant application period opens

June 4, 2021 – Grant application period closes

June 21, 2021 – Grant recipients are notified

### **Submission Process**

Completed grants are due June 4, 2021. Please e-mail us if you have any questions about the eligibility of your specific grant application. For more information, please visit

[www.sacramentoliteracy.org](http://www.sacramentoliteracy.org).

Thank you for supporting reading literacy in our region and helping to ensure grade-level reading fluency for every child.

## Summer Reading 2021 Funding Request

Name of Organization (Lead Agency):			
Executive Director Name:		Program Contact Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Organization's Mailing Address:		<b>For collaborative applicants only</b> , list additional partners who will share responsibility for implementation of these grant dollars:  Organization: Point of Contact: Email: Phone:  Organization: Point of Contact: Email: Phone:  <i>*If this is a collaboration, please include a signed letter of support from your collaborative partner with your application.</i>	
Fax:			
Website URL:			
Proposed Project/Activity Title:			
Ages Served: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High School	Type of Project/Activity: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing	Amount Requested: \$ _____	Number of unduplicated clients to be served:

**A complete proposal for funding will answer these questions within these word limits:**

- **What project/activity are you doing? – 500 words**
- **Who will participate? – 200 words**
- **How do you collaborate with others in the literacy community? – 250 words**
- **When and where will project/activity occur? – 100 words**
- **This funding will cover what costs? – 100 words**
- **How do you know it improves reading/writing skills of young people? – 500 words**

*Please include a program budget with your proposal and, if applicable, verification of 501c(3) status (or fiscal sponsorship) and board of directors list. Deadline is June 4, 2021. E-mail your application or questions to [info@sacramentoliteracy.org](mailto:info@sacramentoliteracy.org).*

The information provided in this proposal is accurate and complete. I am responsible for the implementation of activities proposed in this funding request, and am a key point of contact for questions about this proposal:

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 Signature

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 Printed Name