

Grants for Literacy Projects in Countries with Developing Economies

The purpose of this fund is to assist in the funding of literacy projects and in the professional development of literacy educators. This fund, made possible by voluntary contributions of International Reading Association members, offers annual one-time grants to International Reading Association members from developing countries (using the World Bank definition) who seek support for a literacy project in their own countries. The number of grants (each up to US\$2,500.00) will be determined by the amount of donations made to this fund as of June 30 each year.

The criteria and conditions for the grant are as follows:

1. The applicant resides in the developing country for which the grant is sought and is an INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION member.
2. The applicant submits a project plan identifying how the funds will be used to promote literacy; how the funds will benefit an affiliate/council, community, and/or IRA; more specifically, how the funds could be used, for instance, to help children/adults/females learn to read.
3. The applicant agrees to promote the goals of the INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION and indicates how this support will be manifested (how additional members will be gained, etc.).
4. The applicant provides a letter of support from an IRA affiliate council or member that demonstrates an understanding of the applicant's project and proposed use of the funds.
5. Successful applicants agree to submit a written report to IRA describing how the funds were used; how the funds benefited their affiliate/council/community, IRA, etc.; and how the funds might have been more appropriately used (if applicable).

Important Annual Dates and Deadlines:

November 15	Postmark Deadline for Applications
December-January	Committee Review of Applications
February	Nominee Recommendation to the IRA Board of Directors
March	Notification of all Persons Who Submitted Applications
May	Grant Awarded

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Developing Country Support Grant 12/7/07

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Literacy Project: _____

IRA Membership Number: _____ Signature: _____

Attach plan and IRA support letter to application and send to:

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