



COMMUNITY LITERACY ACTION GRANTS

Summer is around the corner! It's a great time to start thinking about ideas to improve and celebrate literacy and learning in your community of Oakland students and families. The Oakland Literacy Coalition (OLC) can help you make your project come to life with a Community Literacy Action Grant.

This year, we have access to a large quantity of new, high interest books to give to select community and faith based organizations, and individuals doing literacy projects. Grantees will be able to come pick out books from our office for your students and we will award **up to \$500** in action grants for accompanying activities.

The following are just a few examples of possible projects and we welcome your fun and creative ideas!

- Book clubs where students are given a book to read at home with their families and then come together during program hours for discussion.
- Interactive read-alouds connected to a theme in your program followed by an activity that builds on the book. Each student receives a copy of the book to keep.
- Family literacy celebrations where parents and caregivers and children engage in hands-on literacy activities.

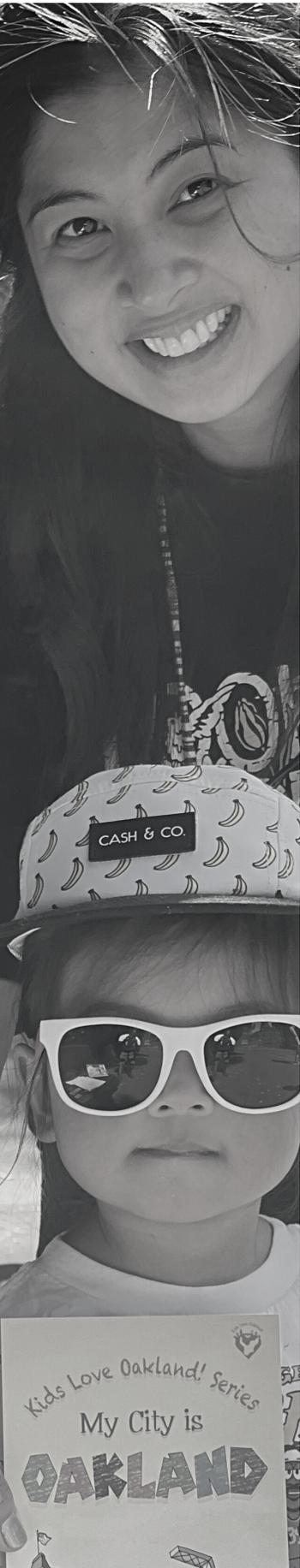
WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Oakland-based **community organizations and faith-based organizations** that work with preschool through middle school age children are encouraged to apply. We also welcome applications from **informal neighborhood and/or cultural groups and childcare providers**. *Schools and school-based programs are not eligible to apply for action grants. However, we will have separate opportunities to provide you with books for your students.*

Your organization does NOT need to have a literacy or education component in order to apply. We believe that literacy happens everywhere and we LOVE working with all kinds of organizations to reach kids where they are and inspire a love of reading.

Organizations may apply on behalf of one or more sites/locations but are required to submit separate applications for each.

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IMPORTANT DETAILS

- All participating students must receive at least one new book to keep. *The OLC has access to a large quantity of new, free, high interest books that grantees will be able to pick up from our office starting May 23.*
- We welcome projects and book giveaways that focus on promoting literacy in languages other than English.
- Projects should either directly engage students' families or share information with families on how to support reading at home. The OLC will provide you with a toolkit of resources.
- Applications will be prioritized that present a clear and compelling idea for how they'll respond to students' interests and needs and create engaging opportunities to keep kids reading over the summer break.
- Grant amounts will be awarded based on the estimated number of students served and the scope of the project, and can be used for project activities, including food and supplies.
- *Schools and nonprofits that run school-based summer programs are not eligible for action grants.* However, we are happy to work with you to provide books to distribute to students in your summer classes. More information on this process will be available in May.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested organizations are asked to submit a brief online request form, which can be found on our website.

We are happy to work with you to come up with an idea for your project or submit your request. Please reach out to us!

KEY DATES

Applications will be released on April 11, 2022, and can be submitted anytime until May 6, 2022 by 11:59pm.

The OLC will review applications and announce final funding decisions by Monday, May 16.

Grantees will need to come to the OLC office (2744 E 11th Street) to pick up books starting May 23. We will work with you to coordinate a time for pickup.

Projects must be completed by August 7, 2022.

Grantees will be asked to submit a short report by August 19, 2022.

GET IN TOUCH

We can be reached by phone at (510) 280-3547 or by email team@oaklandliteracycoalition.org. We hope to hear from you!

