



COMMUNITY LITERACY ACTION GRANTS

Summer is almost here and the OLC is gearing up for another round of Action Grants. Are you thinking about incorporating reading into your summer program in Oakland? The OLC can help you make your project come to life with an Action Grant.

We have a large quantity of new, free, high interest books to give to select community and faith based organizations. 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 a few examples of projects from last summer and we welcome your fun and creative ideas!

- A family Juneteenth celebration with a librarian read aloud, where parents and children read, sang, played and ate together.
- A summer program ran summer book clubs during their sessions, with a culminating weeklong literacy celebration that included children reading their book reviews to family members.
- A weekly reading and roller skating class where children learned to skate and practiced their reading skills, ending in a celebration where children read rhyming books aloud to music.

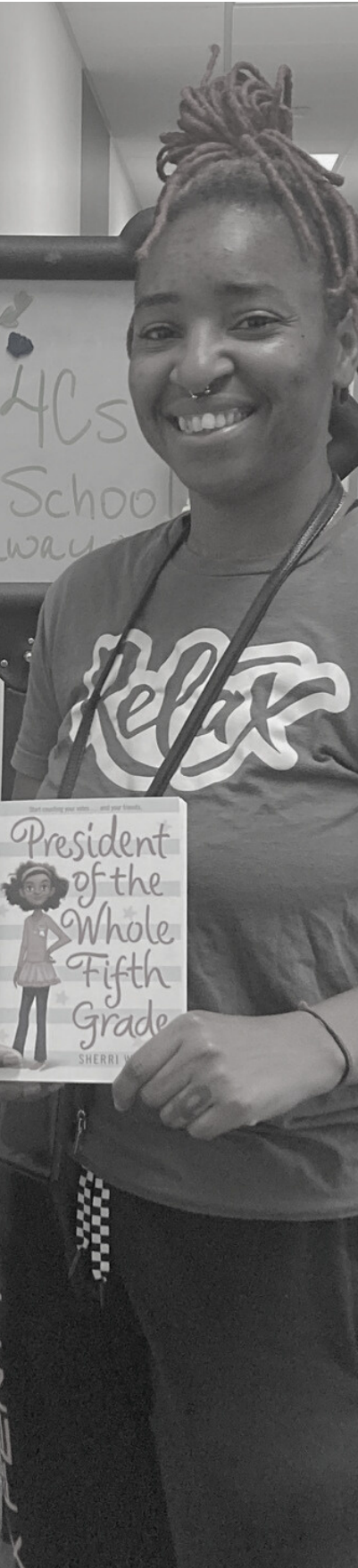
WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Oakland-based **community organizations and faith-based organizations** that work with preschool through high school age children are encouraged to apply for events in community based (not school based) spaces. 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.*

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 28.***
- All grantees are required to attend an online orientation the week of June 3.
- 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 improve literacy outcomes and develop a love of reading.
- 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 programs are not eligible for action grants.***

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 15, 2024 and can be submitted anytime until May 10, 2024 by 11:59 pm.

The OLC will review applications and announce final funding decisions the week of May 20.

Grantees will need to come to the OLC office (2744 E 11th Street) to pick up books starting May 28. We will work with you to coordinate a time for pickup.

Projects must be completed by August 30, 2024.

Grantees will be asked to submit a short report by September 20, 2024.

GET IN TOUCH

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

