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Research Brief

Literacy Grants

Question: What grants are available to help improve literacy?

Summary of Findings:

The challenge of identifying grants for a specific purpose is that many are directed to specific states, members of certain organizations, or to locales served by certain businesses. What follows are links to literacy grant resources without those constraints.

Refer to the Principals Partnership Brief “Grants for Alternative Programs” for links to useful general resources for locating and support for writing grants.

Also consider using “literacy grants” and your state’s name as key words in a Google search for grants specific to your state.

Online Resources:

Grants for Alternative Programs

<http://www.principalspartnership.com/altprogramgrants.pdf>

Finding Literacy Grants

In the education world budget constraints are a reality, making it difficult to obtain resources for book purchases. This is why it is important to utilize organizations that offer educational and/or literacy grants. To learn more about the funding opportunities available to you, click on the links below. Additionally, we have provided resources to assist you in writing successful grants.

<http://www.leeandlow.com/administrator/grants.html>

Grants.gov

Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants. Grants.gov is THE single access point for over 1,000 grant programs offered by all Federal grant making agencies. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community.

<http://www.grants.gov/>

The UPS Foundation: Literacy

The UPS Foundation supports programs which provide education and employment skills to undereducated adults and their families to equip them with the tools to succeed in their communities, schools and workplaces. Through grants to nonprofits, UPS has supported the education and training of more than 42,000 adults and families, facilitating their successful entry into the workforce and pursuit of lifelong education. The Foundation support has also fostered the development of new models for family and workplace literacy, allowing these programs to reach more people and serve them more effectively.

<http://www.community.ups.com/philanthropy/focus/literacy.html>

Youth Leaders for Literacy: Grants Awarded for Student-Lead Projects

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association (NEA) and Youth Service America (YSA) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. During the six-week program period and beyond, we hope to create a groundswell of literacy service in communities across the country.

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>



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Verizon Foundation: Literacy

Improving basic literacy skills in the United States and abroad is among the Verizon Foundation's major priorities because of its enormous impact on education, health and economic development. Here in the United States, nearly 20 percent of the population has low or very low literacy skills.

<http://foundation.verizon.com/08001.shtml>

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

Founded March 6, 1989 by Mrs. Barbara Bush, Honorary Chairman. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$17 million to more than 500 family literacy programs in 47 states and our nation's capital.

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/geninfo.html>

National Center for Family Literacy

Helping families succeed through literacy is at the heart of NCFL's efforts. Many families struggling to succeed don't just lack education—they lose hope. Through national, state and community initiatives, NCFL improves the education of disadvantaged parents and their children to help them realize that success is within their reach.

<http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.1204561/k.BD7C/Home.htm>

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