



Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation
Rotary Club of Long Beach
Nonprofit Literacy Program Grant Application 2021-2022

LONG BEACH READING BY 9

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 28, 2022

OVERVIEW:

Since 1999, the Rotary Club of Long Beach has held an annual Reading by 9 Fundraiser where its members and others donate to the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation to support early education and literacy and the goal of promoting grade level reading by age 9.

Recently, over \$80,000 was raised to support the Long Beach Reading by 9 Program. Since the inception of the program, more than \$875,000 has been raised and as of this year over 300,000 books and ebooks will have been donated. This program provides funding and children's books to Long Beach area schools, libraries, childcare centers, nonprofits, and other literacy organizations that promote reading and literacy. The goal of this program is to foster and promote reading at grade level by age nine.

LITERACY GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS:

This year, the amount of funds available to local literacy programs is \$15,000. Organizations may apply for literacy grants from \$500 - \$2,500 for innovative and creative reading and/or literacy programs that support the goals of Reading by 9. Specifically, we are looking to support organizations and programs which are filling a void necessarily created by distance learning.

Grant applications are due January 28, 2022 and will be awarded by **March 15, 2022**. Grants can be used to purchase books, audio books, teacher resources and workbooks directly from the Scholastic Store at Scholastic.com or to pay for other literacy program materials and costs as needed and outlined in a proposal below. Grant recipients who are processing Scholastic orders must do so with the Rotary Club of Long Beach by May 6, 2022.

Applications will be judged by the Long Beach Rotary Literacy Committee and approved by the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation based on creativity, uniqueness and emphasis on preparing students to be ready to read at grade level by age nine.

Organizations receiving awards may be invited to present their project at a Rotary Club of Long Beach luncheon (virtual or in-person) and will be required to complete a one-page report, to be emailed to

rotaryliteracynonprofitgrants@gmail.com no later than September 2, 2022, detailing how the grant funds were utilized and what the outcomes or benefits of the awarded programs were.

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EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

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APPLICATION:

Organization and Program		Address	
Website		Phone Number	
Director Name		Email	
Direct Phone #		Second Contact	
Anticipated # of Children Impacted		Grant Amount Requested (\$500 - \$2,500)	
Project Budget		Organization Budget	

Please briefly describe your literacy project idea below (or via attachment). Include how the funds will be used, how the project will improve children’s reading skills and how literacy is incorporated into your overall program on an ongoing basis. (Please limit your description to no more than 300 words).

Identify other support for this project or program that has been received in the past two years (name and dollar amount).

If there is an opportunity for Long Beach Rotarians to be invited to a thank you event, to observe, or volunteer with your literacy project, please describe:

Please indicate if you are willing to help raise awareness for the Long Beach Rotary's Reading by 9 program by:

- Participating in a short video clip showcasing your work and your collaboration with the Long Beach Rotary
- Speaking at a Long Beach Rotary lunch meeting
- Appearing in a brief article showcasing your work and your collaboration with the Long Beach Rotary

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