



**Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation**  
**Rotary Club of Long Beach**  
**Nonprofit Literacy Program Grant Application 2023**  
**LONG BEACH READING BY 9**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**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 \$120,000 was raised to support the Long Beach Reading by 9 Program. Since the inception of the program, nearly \$900,000 has been raised and almost 300,000 books and ebooks 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 estimated to be \$20,000. Organizations may apply for literacy grants from \$1,000- \$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 created due to distance learning.

**Grant applications are due January 31, 2023** and we aim to announce awards by **Monday, March 20, 2023**. 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 Friday, May 5, 2023.

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.

*Grant recipients are required to submit a one-page report, detailing how the grant funds were utilized and the outcome or benefits of the awarded program at any time up to November 30, 2023.*

Recipients of Long Beach Rotary Nonprofit Literacy Program grants may be invited to present their project at a Rotary Club of Long Beach luncheon.

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**JANUARY 31, 2023**

**EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO:**

[rotaryliteracynonprofitgrants@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryliteracynonprofitgrants@gmail.com)

**APPLICATION:**

Organization and Program		Address	
Website		Phone Number	
Director Name		Email	
Direct Phone #		Second Contact	
Anticipated # of Children Impacted		Grant Amount Requested (\$1,000 - \$2,500)	
Project Budget		Organization Budget	

Please briefly describe your literacy project idea below (or via attachment). Include how the project will improve children’s reading skills and how literacy is incorporated into your overall program on an ongoing basis. Please indicate if this is a new or ongoing project, and what strategies you’ll incorporate to ensure positive outcomes. What will the funds be used for specifically? (Please limit your description to no more than 300 words.)

For existing programs, please identify other support for this project or program that has been received in the past two years or will receive this year (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

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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