



Early Childhood Literacy Grant Overview

To support our partners and communities across VT and NH in providing a strong foundation for literacy and learning, CLiF is launching a new Early Childhood Literacy Grant that will serve programs working with children ages birth to five.

GRANT GOALS

- Help to create a culture of literacy around children ages 0-5
- Increase support to parents and guardians to enable them to be partners in the development of their children's literacy skills and knowledge
- Increase access to early literacy learning through support that is culturally responsive, student-centered and family-centered
- Support early childhood educators in skill building opportunities around literacy

ELIGIBILITY

- Community/nonprofit organizations, youth-serving programs, libraries, childcare/early education centers, or schools located in New Hampshire or Vermont.
- Local elementary schools must have a free/reduced lunch rate of 35% or higher; alternative narratives or data around community need are welcome.
- At least 30 children (ages 0-5) must participate in the program.
- Organizations with an enthusiastic and organized coordinator willing to collaborate with CLiF on planning, organizing, and communicating about your project.

GRANT COMPONENTS

New Books = \$500

- New library books for the grantee's collection, including big books, books in foreign languages, or puppets with accompanying books.

Giveaway Books = \$300

- 70 new board books for children to take home and keep.

Family Engagement = \$500

- Stipend for food, supplies, guest presenter, and/or activities that support onsite family literacy events.

- Incentives for families to visit the local library or read at home together (i.e. reading challenge with raffle prizes).

Family Book Bags = \$200

- Themed literacy kits for children to borrow and read at home with their family.

Grantee's Choice! Pick One = \$500

- More books! This can include Yoto players; VOX books; decodable books; felt storyboards; books in different languages; etc.
- Professional development staff training with Anna Adler on music and literacy for children ages 0-5
- Literacy related field trip (i.e. tickets to the ECHO Center to see Eric Carle exhibit)
- Literacy related guest artist, educator, storyteller, author/illustrator presenter from CLiF's list, etc.
- Dramatic play area that connects with literacy & books
- Additional family engagement funds

GRANT REPORTING

Grantees will have until June 1, 2027 to complete all activities and fulfill grant obligations including a final feedback report. Typically, CLiF pays for grant expenses through invoices, direct orders, book purchasing, and/or reimbursement. However, we aim to be flexible and work with our partners to provide ease and flexibility. Depending on the partner needs, CLiF can provide a check for grant activities with a final budget of expenses due at the end of the grant.