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A Family Literacy Project of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.

2023 Grant Application

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Name of Contact Person _____

Position of the Contact Person _____

Library or Institution Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email: _____

2. Type of Library or Institution (Please check one):

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community College Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> School Library |

3. Provide the theme/title of your 2023 *Reading is Grand!* Program.

4. Provide the location, starting and ending date, and time of your 2023 *Reading is Grand!* Program. Note: The program must be held in the month of September. National Grandparent's Day is September 10, 2023.

5. Describe the purpose of your 2023 *Reading is Grand!* Program.

Criteria: The purpose must align with the *Reading is Grand!* overall purpose which is to establish a method for grandparents and older adults to build literacy and cultural heritage connections between themselves, grandchildren, and children.

6. Describe in detail the activity of your 2023 *Reading is Grand!* Program. The program can be virtual, face-to-face, or a hybrid.

Criteria: The activity must have an emphasis on African American culture, traditions, and literacy. The activity must be creative, original and must connect the grandparents/older adults with the children.

7. Describe in detail your community.

Criteria: Include demographics such as population, ethnicity, socio-economic, and other relevant information. Include in detail the role your library, institution, and/or organization plays in the community. Include in detail the role community partners will play in the *Reading is Grand!* program.

8. Proposed Budget

The award amount is **\$750**. The award amount of **\$750** may be used to purchase books, supplies, and/or activities for the 2023 program based upon the proposed budget.

Using the grid below, please indicate your estimated proposed budget. Collection development funds must be at least **25%** or more of your budget. Please allow no more than **15%** of your budget to be used for refreshments.

Name of the library and/or organization that will administer the grant:

| Budget Categories | Budget Description | Estimated Cost for each request | Total Costs |
|--|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Publicity (Includes printing and postage costs) | | | |
| Materials and Supplies (For example, craft materials purchased for program) | | | |
| Collection Development (Note: Books depicting African American culture, must be at \$187.50 or more (or 25% or more of budget) | | | |
| Professional Fees (Optional, cost to hire storyteller/speaker) | | | |
| Other Refreshments must be no more \$112.50 (or 15% of budget) | | | |
| Total Projected Cost | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

Additional Information

*Award Recipients of 2020 and prior are eligible to apply for the *Reading is Grand!* grant. Award recipients who have been awarded the grant more than twice may apply. However, priority consideration will be given to new applicants. **BCALA's Services to Children and Families of African Descent Committee members who are or will be reviewing the applications cannot apply for the Reading is Grand! grant.**

*A financial report, narrative program report, and 5-10 digital photos of the event must be received by **November 3, 2023**. The photos and narrative program report will be used in a multimedia presentation that will be uploaded to the BCALA website.

***Grant reports which do not indicate that funds were spent appropriately will result in the awardee returning the financial award for a full or partial amount.**

*All flyers, publicity, and correspondences regarding the 2023 grant program must state, "**This event is sponsored by Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.**"

I understand that if I receive the Reading is Grand! grant, I am required to submit a financial report, including receipts; a narrative program report; and 5-10 digital photos (jpegs, pngs) via email or U.S. Mail (on a USB flash drive) to the Chair of Reading is Grand! by **November 3, 2023**.

Date: _____

Signature of the contact person: _____

If returning by email, please type your name in the signature line followed by the words, "via email."

Grant Period:

Applications must be received by **May 5, 2023**.

Grant award will be announced on **June 25, 2023** during the BCALA Membership meeting at the ALA Annual Conference.

Send application via Email and/or FAX to:

Karen Lemmons, Chair

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