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

**2024 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 2024 *Reading is Grand!* Program.**

**4. Provide the location, starting and ending date, and time of your 2024 *Reading is Grand!* Program. Note: The program must be held in the month of September. National Grandparent's Day is September 8, 2024.**

**5. Describe the purpose of your 2024 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 2024 *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 2024 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:

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

**Additional Information**

\*Applicant must be a current member of BCALA.

**\*Award Applicants and Recipients of 2023 and prior are eligible to apply for the *Reading is Grand!* grant if you did not apply for two consecutive years. For example, if you applied in 2022 and 2023, you must wait until 2025 to reapply. This applies to applicants who received or did not receive the award. Also know that if your program was awarded in 2023, and you submit a 2024 application, it does not guarantee that your program will be awarded. BCALA’s Services to Children and Families of African Descent Committee members who submit a Reading is Grand! Grant cannot serve as an application reviewer.**

\*A financial report, narrative program report, and 5-10 digital photos of the event must be received by **November 8, 2024**. 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 2024 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 8, 2024**.

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 20, 2024**.

Grant award recipients will be notified by mail. A press release will sent to the BCALA listserv announcing the award recipients.

**Send application via Email:**

Karen Lemmons, Chair

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