

Illinois Reading Council Adult & Family Literacy Grant Application

There is a need for addressing adult literacy issues. The ramifications of adults with low literacy skills are many. First they are only qualified for minimum wage jobs. This transfers to a poverty level life style for the children in the family. Because nearly one in four children under age six lives below the poverty line and fifty percent of a child's intellectual development occurs from birth to age four, these children enter school unprepared and with literacy skills far below children from middle income and above families. There is an urgent need for more help to address adult literacy which in turn will assist their children. Literacy projects that involve adults or adults with their children will be considered for funding.

Grants up to \$750 will be awarded to **local councils** to develop and implement projects to reach this population. There is no specific amount per grant. However, the amount awarded might be less than the amount requested. Include the following information in the order below in your application.

Grant guidelines:

- Statement of purpose including needs of the population served
- Program title and description
- Timeline
- Budget Plan
- Publicity Plan
- Evaluation Plan
- Agreement to be part of a panel session at the IRC Conference, March 19-21, 2009 in Springfield, Illinois

*Proposals should be postmarked or emailed by January 13, 2009.
Grantees will be notified by February 16, 2009.

Proposals will be reviewed by
Sue Sokolinski, Adult and Family Literacy Chair and Committee
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Local Council: _____

Council Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

Signature of Local Council President _____

Please attach letters of commitment and involvement by other community partners if applicable.

Deadline for applications will be January 13, 2009.

Grant recipients will be notified by February 16, 2009.

Grants should be sent by **email** or **express mail** so they arrive on or before January 13, 2009. You will be notified that your grant has been received. Contact committee chair if you have questions.

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