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READ FOR SUCCESS: Combating the Summer Learning Slide in America



Announcing the 2016-2017 *Read for Success* Matching Grant Program with awards up to \$10,000 available for qualifying organizations!

Read for Success is an evidence-based program that helps early grade school students improve reading proficiency and combat summer learning loss – a contributing factor to the achievement gap. Tested for two years among 33,000 students, RIF’s model helped reverse the trend of summer learning loss for more than half the students in the study. In addition, 57% of students saw gains in reading proficiency!

Learn how *Read for Success* can help motivate children to read by visiting us at www.RIF.org/readforsuccess or email us at readforsuccessgrant@rif.org.



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The *Read for Success* program is centered on motivating children to read by providing access to high-quality classroom book collections, summer books for students to choose and own, enriching STEAM-themed (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) classroom activities and professional development for teachers and program coordinators.

RIF's Matching Grant Program supports the adoption of the *Read for Success* model for the 2016-2017 school year, helping to reduce summer learning loss for early grade school students.

- **Eligible Entities:** school districts and individual schools, public libraries, community-based organizations, civic organizations and other youth-serving entities.
- **Target Ages:** Pre-K through 3rd grade.
- **Minimum Number of Participating Students:** 20
- **Awards & Cost Sharing Requirement:** The *Read for Success* model costs \$100 per student to purchase. This opportunity offers a 1:1 matching grant whereby recipients are expected to contribute funding equal to the amount of funding granted by RIF to implement the program. The local funding source may be provided by the recipient or a third party.
- **Maximum Award:** The maximum grant award is \$10,000 per site (serving up to 200 students at \$100 per child where RIF contributes \$10,000 and the grantee contributes the \$10,000 balance).
- **Grant Application:** <https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/readforsuccess2017>
- **Timeline:**
 - July 2016: Online application available
 - Fall 2016 (date to be announced): Informational webinar
 - October 15, 2016: Application due to RIF
 - December 2016: Matching grant awards announced
 - January/February 2017: *Read for Success* implementation begins
 - May/June 2017: End of school year celebration/summer book distribution
 - October 2017: Reporting due to RIF

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