

Early Reading First Grant Application Available starting January 20th

Organizations that serve preschool-age children (e.g., Head Start programs, child care programs, family literacy program such as Even Start, and lab schools at universities, among others) may be eligible for the next round of Early Reading First grants. The applications will be available tomorrow (January 20). The estimated maximum number of awards is 68. The estimated maximum grant amount is \$4.5 million each.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-446.htm>

Kindergarten Transition Grants

Small Grant Opportunity: (Shared by Child Care Solutions-thanks)

A limited number of grants of up to \$5,000 are available as part of the Central New York Community Foundation's *read ahead* literacy initiative. The grants are to support kindergarten transition opportunities. To access the guidelines or application, hold down the ctrl key and click on the link below. Applications are due by Friday, **February 17, 2006**. For more information contact Debi Spencer: 315-422-9538. School districts in Madison and Onondaga County are eligible to apply for these funds.

<https://www109.safesecureweb.com/readahead/uploadeddocs/Mini-Grant%20Guidelines.doc>: guidelines

<https://www109.safesecureweb.com/readahead/uploadeddocs/Mini-Grant%20App.doc>: Application

also available from the website: www.readahead.com

Facts on Literacy 3 ply brochure:
From *read ahead website*

Due to the press coverage from the most recent National Adult Literacy report

http://www.air.org/publications/documents/SAAL_NY_web.pdf a number of calls regarding literacy data in our community are making their way to FLAGS- here are some helpful ways to share information: The Facts On Literacy Brochure simplifies some of our community's literacy information:

<https://www109.safesecureweb.com/readahead/uploadeddocs/Fact%20Sheet%20on%20Literacy%20Revised%20FNL%20-%20December%20201.doc> : (click Ctrl key and the weblink to get it to function).

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Grant Funding Opportunity

Giving Voice Program

Starbucks Foundation

Through its Giving Voice program, the Starbucks Foundation will fund programs for youth, ages 6-18, that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. The Foundation invites letters of inquiry from qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth in one of two areas:

1) **Arts & Literacy** – programs that innovatively address literacy and learning for the 21st century, provide high standards of excellence in mastering basic skills, and promote youth voices through a variety of venues; and

2) **Environmental Literacy** – programs that offer place-based approaches to addressing environmental literacy and empower youth to be heroes for a sustainable environment in their own communities.

ELIGIBILITY: Registered, nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) charitable organizations that deliver services to youth and address at least one of the program's action areas.

FUNDING: Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

DEADLINE: The next deadline is March 1, 2006, with annual deadlines of September 1 and March 1.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For program information, application procedures, and eligibility questions, visit www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp.

FLAGS-Scholarship opportunities available:

FLAGS has funding available to assist with workshop/training fees that will improve the quality of literacy work within your agency. The scholarship funds can be applied for by directors or direct service providers. The participant will be required to explain the benefits of the training and how they will utilize this training to improve their work within literacy.

For more information regarding this scholarship opportunity contact:

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Previewed: nice clear information and helpful guide: Nancy

Guide Addresses Collaborative Funding

[Community Development: A Guide for Grantmakers on Fostering Better Outcomes Through Good Process](#)

[≤http://www.hewlett.org/NR/rdonlyres/7DC1D659-2BED-467F-9A13-5F39CFF70AFF/0/CommunityDevelopment.pdf≥](http://www.hewlett.org/NR/rdonlyres/7DC1D659-2BED-467F-9A13-5F39CFF70AFF/0/CommunityDevelopment.pdf)

“Community Development: A Guide for Grantmakers on Fostering Better Outcomes Through Good Process” is a new report from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation that highlights the critical role of collaboration in community development initiatives. The guide draws from the lessons learned by the Foundation during twenty years of funding conflict resolution, collaboration, and civic engagement. It also draws extensively on other organizations’ experiences, the community development literature, and evaluations of community development initiatives. To download a copy of the report, visit the website listed above.