

Letter of Inquiry

Due Date: June 30, 2017

(For programming that will occur during the summer of 2018 or the 2018-19 school year)

Any nonprofit organization or school district interested in submitting a grant request to The Stocker Foundation must first submit a Letter of Inquiry

The Stocker Foundation aims to lessen the achievement gap for under-resourced prekindergarten through 3rd grade public school students by investing in programs that strengthen **Reading Literacy**. Successful Letters of Inquiry will document how a program ties-back to reading literacy, promoting academic gains for those students served.

Areas of Interest:

- **Supplemental Programs** that move students toward grade-level reading mastery
- **Comprehensive Intervention Strategies/Whole School Improvement** that increase overall literacy achievement by third grade
- **Book Distribution Programs** that increase students' access to print materials, encourage students' reading outside of the classroom, and develops students' life-long love of reading
- **Programs that support Emerging Literacy and Reading Skills among preschoolers** (children enter kindergarten "ready to read")
- **Some limited funding is available for services that can help remove barriers toward reading success** (Food Bank sponsored children's hunger programs such as the Backpack Program)

Using a maximum of six-pages, respond to each of the following:

- 1) Contact and organizational information (including email and website address);
- 2) Identify if funding is sought for Summer 2017 or the 2017-2018 school year;
- 3) Brief description of program to be delivered (discuss the method of service delivery; number of participants to be served; targeted communities, school districts, and/or elementary schools; and race/ethnicity and income demographics);
- 4) Project Budget (how will funds from The Stocker Foundation be used); and
- 5) Intended results related to literacy outcomes for students served.

Letters of Inquiry are due no later than June 30, 2017. For those LOIs moving forward, a full proposal is due by 10/2/2017 for a spring 2018 decision. Notification provided in writing.

The Stocker Foundation has one annual competitive grant cycle.

Communities currently funded are Lorain & Cuyahoga counties, OH; Pima County, AZ; Alameda & San Francisco counties, CA; Dona Ana County, NM; King County WA; and Hartford County, CT.