

Literacy Innovation for Education (LIFE)

Application for Matching Grant (for Educators Targeting Struggling Readers K-12)

The Literacy Innovation for Education initiative (LIFE) is housed at the University of South Florida College of Education. Its purpose is twofold:

- 1) encourage and enable the use of innovative approaches and/or programs to improve the reading skills of K-12 struggling readers.
- 2) to rigorously evaluate the cost effectiveness of these innovations.

Any educator wishing to use an innovative method to help struggling readers should consider applying for a LIFE Initiative matching grant. In order to be considered for a grant, educators must provide \$1 (one dollar) of the budget for each dollar requested in the grant application. (All grants are made on a 1:1 match)

Matching grants are typically between \$1,000 - \$3,000, however larger grants will be considered. A thorough evaluation of the fidelity and the effectiveness of the intervention will be completed within 90 days of the submission of post-test data by the school to the USF College of Education team.

Please see the LIFE Initiatives FAQs for more information.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill out the application completely.
2. Have your principal or program director sign the grant application form.
3. Make a copy for your records.
4. Return the completed application to:

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I. Contact information:

Please provide the following information so that we may contact you regarding your proposal. **IMPORTANT: All applications must have the approval and signature of the school principal or program director.**

SCHOOL/PROGRAM LOCATION:

School/Program Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

GRANT APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Title _____

Telephone () - x Fax () -

Email _____

II. Proposed Project Information:

1. Today's date _____

2. Project Title (please enter a descriptive title for your project or program)

3. Project Narrative
(Please provide us with a brief summary of your program or project. Be sure to include how LIFE Initiative funding will be used in the proposed program/project).

4. Expected Project Start Date: _____ Expected Project End Date: _____

5. Is your program targeting struggling readers? _____

6. Student population targeted for this project:
Age of students _____ Grade level(s) of students _____
of students _____ Estimated average instructional reading level _____

7. What is the current primary instructional reading program for these students?

8. What is the new program or approach that will be used in the project? How will it be implemented at your school or program site? _____

9. What pre and post intervention assessment will be used to determine the effect of the proposed project/program? (The USF LIFE Evaluation Team will be able to help complete this section, if needed).

10. Please state why you consider this approach to be an innovation.

III. Financials:

- (a) \$ _____ Professional development
- (b) \$ _____ Instructional materials
- (c) \$ _____ Other (please specify) _____
- (a+b+c) \$ _____ Total cost of program

Amount applicant will provide: \$ _____

Matching grant amount requested from LIFE \$ _____

Grant Applicant:

Grant applicant signature

Date

Principal or Program Director:

(please circle correct title)

Signature indicates project approval

Date