



## 2020 NWILC Honorary Mini-Grants

It is that time of year again. The Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition (NWILC) is once again offering six \$200 honorary mini-grants that will provide seed money to enhance, improve, or develop programs or projects that advance literacy for residents of Jasper, Knox, Lake, La Porte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski or Starke County, no matter their age.

The Ken Woodruff Honorary Mini-Grant will fund Pre-K – Grade 12 initiatives and the Sharon Ball Honorary Mini-Grant will support initiatives serving adult (ages 18 years or older).

These mini-grants are intended to be a simple way to support literacy initiatives that fill specific needs and produce specific outcomes within a one-year timeframe.

Any person or group working in education or a non-profit organization may apply given that the following specifications are met:

### Specifications

1. Initiative must benefit residents in designated NWI Counties.
2. Initiative must foster literacy development, address a specific need, and have specific literacy outcomes.
3. Initiative must begin and end in one calendar year.
4. Application must be completed in full and received no later than December 2, 2019.
5. If submitted electronically, the file must be one of the following extension formats: .docx, .doc, .odt, .txt, or .pdf.
6. Winning applicant must accept delivery of award in person at site of literacy program or project and have a photo of acceptance taken.
7. Winning applicant must provide NWILC Grant committee proof of expenditures.
8. Winning applicant must acknowledge this grant in any communication about project.

If you wish to apply but have extenuating circumstances which may disqualify your project/program, email in advance demonstrating these circumstances prior to your submission of proposal.

**Applications must be received by NWILC no later than December 2, 2019.**

By email: [info@nwiliteracy.org](mailto:info@nwiliteracy.org) or by mail: Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition  
C/O Neighbors' Educational Opportunity  
5201 US Highway 6  
Portage, IN 46368  
Attn: NWILC Honorary Mini-Grant

Please direct any questions to Debbie Fizer at [dfizer@nwiliteracy.org](mailto:dfizer@nwiliteracy.org) or leave a message for a return call at 219/381-7542.

**Grant award winners will be notified via email no later than January 20, 2020.**

**Please feel free to share this opportunity with your colleagues.**

**Thank you for all you do to promote literacy in Northwest Indiana.**



**Intended Outcomes:** *What will be the literacy outcomes of this project/program?*

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**Timeframe:** *When will the project/program being supported by this grant begin and end?*

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**Additional Information:** *Please include any additional information here you see fit.*

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## NWILC Honorary Mini-Grant Scoring Rubric

NWILC is committed to a fair grant process scoring each applicant with this rubric. The winner in the event of a tie, will be determined at the discretion of the judges considering additional factors such as: need, service area, previous awards, etc.

	<b>1</b> Not articulated	<b>2</b> Vague	<b>3</b> Good Description	<b>4</b> Clear and Specific
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>How will the grant-funded initiative promote literacy?</i>				
<b>Need:</b> <i>Is there a clear need for this initiative and for these grant funds?</i>				
<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Are there clear outcomes tied to literacy?</i>				
<b>Timeframe:</b> <i>Will initiative be completed in reasonable timeframe?</i>				

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_