



# Literacy Coalition of Madison County NY

**“If you teach a man to read, he shall be forever free”**

**Frederick Douglass**

## ***Grant Guidelines***

The Literacy Coalition of Madison County is excited to offer four mini grant opportunities of \$2,500 each to tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations in Madison County. The goal of these grant opportunities are to fund innovative projects in the areas of literacy services that focus on any of the following areas: health literacy, fiscal literacy, workforce development, family literacy, and summer learning.

The following guidelines are designed to furnish you with the information necessary to apply for a Literacy Coalition of Madison County grant. Each proposal is evaluated on its potential value to literacy needs in Madison County; funding requested aligns with funds available for disbursement; and the quality of planning, leadership, collaboration, support, and vision expressed in the application.

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### **Application Deadline**

### **Decision Date**

**End of June**

**End of July**

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT?**

- located in, or providing services to residents of Madison County
- classified as nonprofit charitable organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; or publicly supported organizations such as school districts and municipalities
- member of the Literacy Coalition of Madison County
- precedence will be given to collaborative efforts among coalition members

***Programs seeking to apply through a fiscal sponsor, or seeking an exception to any of the above policies, should consult with a member of the Managing Partners prior to submission.***

### **WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE GRANT PROPOSAL?**

1. *Literacy Service:* Successful projects will provide literacy services that align with the mission of the Literacy Coalition of Madison County – Raising literacy levels in Madison County through shared efforts of our members.
2. *Community Impact:* Successful projects will address community needs through programs and activities that demonstrate sustainable impacts and measurable outcomes.
3. *Community Building:* Successful projects build community connections, especially among diverse groups, and build mutual trust and reciprocity in community relationships.

### **HOW DO YOU SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?**

Grant applications are available on the Literacy Coalition’s website. Upon completion applications can be mailed to: Literacy Coalition of Madison County, Attn: Grant Application, 1081 Northside Shopping Center, Oneida, NY 13421

Or email to: Dyann Nashton at [dnashton@midyork.org](mailto:dnashton@midyork.org) indicate grant application in the subject line

### **NOTICE OF GRANT DECISION**

Applicants will be officially notified of approval or declination by letter following the Coalition’s July Managing Partner meeting. We request that inquiries regarding the status of a grant application be made after that date. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the grant application process, contact Dyann Nashton at [dnashton@midyork.org](mailto:dnashton@midyork.org)