

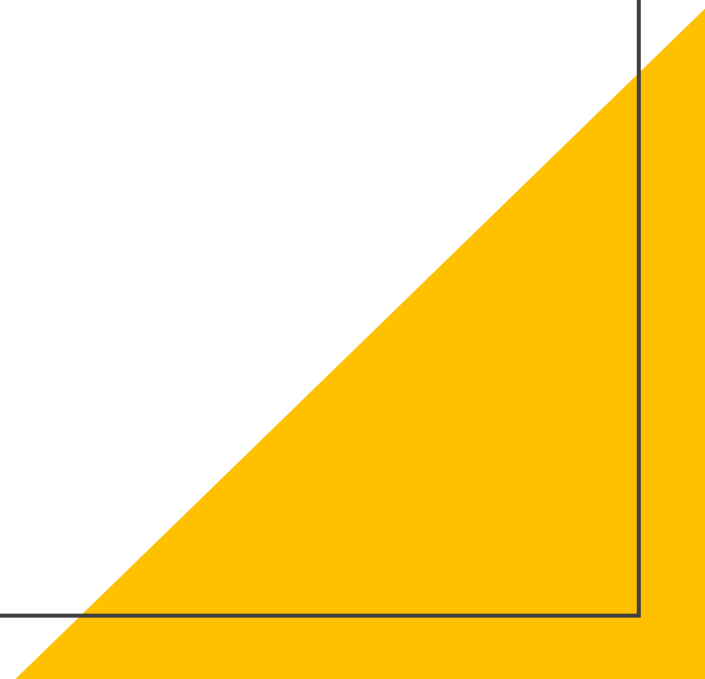
BLACK GOLD

COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Stronger Together: Early Learning Hub


Information Session

Thursday, September 22, 2022




Agenda



- Introduction
 - Review grant opportunity
 - Mentor presentations
 - Q & A
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Overview



- State-funded
 - Purpose of this grant is to help local libraries strengthen their roles as Early Learning Hubs and improve or expand Early Learning programs and services in their communities.
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Eligibility

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- California public library
 - California cooperative system, consortium or library membership organization
 - Apply on behalf of a defined group of affiliate public libraries
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Requirements

- Partner with at least one organization
- Adhere to grant reporting requirements
- Match is required
- Participate in monthly Community of Practice evaluation meetings

Early Learning Hub grantees will work with mentor libraries to develop or enhance an early learning hub tailored to local community needs.

Project Details

- Public libraries are trusted community spaces and serve as one of the most important supports for children's early development
- Libraries with Early Learning Hubs provide families with access to school readiness and other community resources.
- Early Learning Hub projects will help libraries partner with community organizations to provide access to new services and technology; provide families and children with opportunities to build skills, enrich imagination and develop social-emotional skills.

Project Options

Partnerships and Programming

- Focus on building collaborate partnerships with existing community organizations
- Create programs that connect early learners and their families with community resources.
- Project funding can provide for supplies, technology, collections, materials and services.
- Maximum proposal request -- \$100,000

Project Options (cont.)

Partnerships, Programming, and Space

- Build partnerships and create programs that connect early learners and their families with the community resources.
- Additionally, focus on creating a physical space for engaging these early learners and their families with the resources being provided.
- Project funding can provide for the purchase of furniture, supplies, technology, collections, materials, and services.
- Maximum proposal request -- \$225,000

Additional Information

- Staff from well-established Early Learning Hubs will serve as mentors
- Project advisors will be assigned to work with the grantees
- Grantees will participate in bi-monthly community of practice meetings

Partnership



Every project must have at least one partner


A partner is defined as an organization with which your library has a written agreement, and which provides resources to the project.



Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

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Successful projects will be guided by the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging in all aspects of project planning, implementation and evaluation

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Timeline

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- Application opened: September 19, 2022
- Information Session: September 22, 2022
- Deadline to apply: October 14, 2022
- Funds awarded: November 2022
- Project completion: February 28, 2024

Project Budget

- Budget template can be found at www.blackgold.org/grants
- Enter whole dollar amounts
- Check your math
- If you have any questions, reach out at earlylearning@blackgold.org

Budget - Expense Categories

Salaries/Wages/Benefits

- Include: All salaries, wages, and benefits (staff salaries only)
- Description: List the title, number of work hours, \$ per hour and FTE for each position

Consultant Fees

- Include: Any consultant-related expenses (fees, travel, services, etc.)
- Description: List the fees, tasks and deliverables

Travel

- Include: In/Out of state travel/accommodation related to project (staff or partners) – *must comply with CA State travel policy/funding*
- Description: number of travelers, expenditure types, cost calculations

Budget – Expense Categories (cont.)

Supplies/Materials

- Include: Media/items integral to project or facilitate participation, equipment less than \$5,000 per unit
- Description: Quantities and cost per unit

Equipment

- Include: Single item more than \$5,000
- Description: Detail proposed expenditure

Services

- Include: Any contracted individuals (include intern scholarships), printing/media/publicity services, subscriptions/licenses, maintenance, lease/rental costs (within the award period)
- Description: Type of service and vendor names

Budget – Expense Categories (cont.)

Indirect Costs

- Include: Up to 10% of modified total direct costs, including salaries/benefits, materials/supplies, services, travel, and portion of sub-contracts, up to \$25,000
 - Modified total direct costs do not include equipment, rental costs, and portion of subcontracts beyond \$25,000 – do not include in 10% calculation
- Exclude: If using indirect rate, exclude all indirect-cost-type items from the rest of your budget, such as telephone service, mailing, office supplies/space, and operation costs shared across your organization

Budget – Allowable and Unallowable Costs

Allowable

- Minor improvements to project space
- Project-specific staffing/scholarships
- Program-specific materials/supplies, take-home kits, small equipment, and food (only to enhance participation)
- Collections/resources
- Travel
- Project promotion

Budget – Allowable and Unallowable Costs

Unallowable

- Fundraising or grant writing
- Cash reserves; purchase of land/buildings; construction
- Non-ed social activities
- Gifts/prizes/incentives
- Contributions/donations
- Expenses outside grant period
- Lobbying

Match Requirements

Match is required

- Cash, In-Kind, or any combination
- % of match is based on library's Local Income Per Capita (LIPC) level*
 - LIPC Level 1 = 20% match
 - LIPC Level 2 = 25% match
 - LIPC Level 3 = 30% match

*Find your library's LIPC: [State Library's Statistics Webpage](#)

To Apply

- Application can be found at www.blackgold.org/grants
- Application and Budget are both on fillable PDF forms
- Email completed applications to earlylearning@blackgold.org .
Don't forget to include your Budget form!

Number of Applications

- Fewer than 30 outlets: one application
- 30-60 outlets: up to two applications
- More than 60 outlets: up to three applications

Shared Vision: Early Learning Webinars

- [Early Learning and Wraparound Services](#)
- [Active Learning through Play](#)
- [Focusing on the Why of Youth and Family Services](#)

Thank You!

- For more information contact us at earlylearning@blackgold.org
- Webpage: www.blackgold.org/grants
- Application Due: October 14, 2022