

Read Across America Grant Opportunity

FEA is applying to NEA for grant money to help fund Read Across America events for our members worldwide on NEA's Read Across America Day (Friday, March 1, 2019). To bolster our grant application, we need specific projects from local associations who would like to request grant money.

If you, as an individual FEA member, or your local association have an idea for a great Read Across America event and you need help with funding your event idea, please send a message to FEA Communications Director Gary Hritz at ghritz@nea.org with application details as outlined below.

In keeping with NEA's theme for the 2019 reading celebration, Read Across America events and/or activities should incorporate the theme of "Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers." Emphasis should be placed on diverse books from diverse authors that will appeal to an increasingly diverse student population.

Include in your message a description of the event you'd like to hold -- including the numbers of students, Association members and members of the community you expect to participate in the event -- and an explanation of how much funding you are seeking and how the money will be spent.

Local FEA affiliates are encouraged to partner with organizations in their communities, such as your school's PTO/PTA, on their Read Across America projects.

Regardless whether you intend to see grant funds, you can find information on planning a Read Across America celebration at nea.org/readacross. You can also have a free Read Across America Resources Calendar sent to you, or purchase other Read Across America materials (including the famous "Cat Hats") by going to raastore.com

The number of Read Across America projects we'll be able to fund and the amount we're able to send to locals who are selected to receive funds will depend upon whether we are awarded grant funds by NEA and how much we receive. Priority will be given to locals who did not receive funding from previous years' grants, though anyone interested is encouraged to apply.

Please submit your funding request to Gary by November 1, 2018, at ghritz@nea.org

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Include the following information in your Read Across America Grant application:

- Describe the proposed event/activity to be funded by the NEA RAA Event Grant and how it will help highlight the RAA theme of “Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers.”
- What is the location of your proposed event(s)/activity?
- Which Local Associations and School(s) will be involved?
- Total amount of funding requested (we suggest keeping your request under \$1,500 so we can maximize the number of recipients if NEA awards us grant funds)
- How would you use the proposed activity as a membership organizing opportunity?
- Describe the plan for involving parents, community members, partners and others.
- How will you promote your event(s) to the community?
- What is the budget for how funds will be utilized?

Only FEA members and/or FEA Local affiliates may apply (although partnering with other groups in your community is encouraged)

The deadline to apply is Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Send your application information to ghritz@nea.org