2021 Grant Information & Application

Program Overview
Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian American, Pacific Islander, and American Indian children and their families. The program celebrates and explores Asian American, Pacific Islander, and American Indian stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive and enriching experience. Children and their families can connect to rich cultural activities through Talk Story in their homes, libraries, and communities. This grant is aimed to provide financial support to libraries and community organizations who want to introduce a Talk Story program that focuses on APA or AIAN cultures.

*Talk Story grant funding is available due to the generous support of Toyota California Community Foundation for APALA Talk Story grants and the American Indian Library Association for AILA Talk Story grants.*

Application
The Grant Information and Application are below and can also be accessed on the Talk Story website: www.talkstorytogether.org

Deadline: April 1, 2021
Grant Amount: $750
Grants Offered: 4 total; 2 by each organization
Grant Period: May 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021

Program Contact:
Amy Breslin
APALA Co-Chair
familylit@apalaweb.org

Angela Thornton
AILA Co-Chair
AILA.TalkStory@gmail.com
Eligibility
Libraries and community organizations that serve APA and/or AIAN children and their families are eligible to apply. We encourage libraries and community organizations to work together on a Talk Story program. With the exception of cross-border tribal organizations, all organizations must be based in the United States or U.S. territories.

Organizations who have previously been awarded two Talk Story grants are ineligible for additional awards.

Application
Please submit a complete and detailed application including a Statement of Need, Narrative, and Proposed Budget. Please describe the program (in-person or virtual) your library or community organization would do with the award and what types of programs highlighting APA or AIAN cultures you are interested in planning for your community.

You may apply for either an APALA grant OR an AILA grant. You may NOT apply to both organizations.

Deadline
Applications must be received by Thursday, April 1, 2021.
Awards will be announced by Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Return applications for Asian Pacific American themed programs to the APALA Talk Story Chair:
via Email at familylit@apalaweb.org
or USPS at:
    ATTN: Amy Breslin
    Cuyahoga County Public Library
    5409 Turney Rd.
    Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Return applications for American Indian/Native Alaskan themed programs to the AILA Talk Story chair:
via Email at talkstoryaila@gmail.com
or USPS at:
    Angela Thornton
    124 W Chandler Street
    Carrollton, GA 30112

Award Amount
Each organization will offer 2 grants:
$750 grant from APALA
OR
$750 grant from AILA

Selection Criteria
Awardees will be selected from amongst completed applications. Selection is based upon creativity and originality of the implementation of the Talk Story program, accuracy in portrayal of APA/AIAN cultures, and financial need. Selection will also be based upon involvement of the
library, community, and community organizations as participants, leaders, and promoters of the proposed Talk Story program.

Use of Funds
Funds must be used by November 30, 2021.
Funds may be used to purchase library materials such as books, audiovisual materials, supplies for activities/crafts, programming costs such as hiring a storyteller, etc.
- At least 25% of funds must be used for library materials.
- No more than 10% of funds may be used for refreshments and decorations.
- Funds must be used to support at least one Asian Pacific American or one American Indian/Alaskan Native themed program for children and their families at the institution that receives the grant. Funds may be used for virtual programming.

Reporting
Final Financial Report and Narrative form is due by December 31, 2021.
Please include any promotional materials you might have used and photographs taken during the event. Please include a statement or permission slip acknowledging whether we will be permitted to publish photographs on Talk Story’s website and social media accounts.

Spending of funds and a brief report of the completed program must be submitted to the APALA/AILA Family Literacy Focus committee by December 31, 2021. The report is expected to reflect and describe the agreed upon program or activities and explain how grant funds were used to support said programs and activities. Report should outline how the program will continue to benefit APA and/or AIAN children and their families in the future and if the program can potentially serve as a model project for other libraries/tribal libraries/organizations. If modifications to the programs and activities need occur, please contact your grant monitor immediately. Grant reports which do not indicate funds were spent appropriately will result in the awardee returning the financial award for a full or partial amount. Please include photos and photo releases where appropriate for use by APALA and AILA to promote the Talk Story program.
1. Contact & Institutional Information
Name of Contact Person ____________________________________________

Institution ________________________________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Email _____________________________________________________________________________________________

2. Type of Library or Institution (Please check one):
   __ Public Library
   __ Academic Library
   __ School Library
   __ Tribal Library
   __ Community Organization

3. Statement of Need
Please write a paragraph, no longer than 200 words, describing why your library or institution has a financial need for this grant.

4. Narrative
In 500-750 words, please describe your community and what need this proposal addresses. Please include a brief description of your organization, its mission and your primary clientele. Also include how you plan to use the funds if awarded, including project start and finish dates, project goals, and how the grant will benefit the community. Please include an alternative plan for use of funds, in the event that your originally planned in-person program must be cancelled due to health and safety guidelines.

5. Proposed Budget
Using the grid on the following page, please let us know your estimated proposed budget.
   ● Collection development funds must be at least 25% of your budget.
   ● Please allow no more than 10% of your budget to be used for refreshments.
- Please indicate any in-kind costs that will be provided by your institution or community partner.

Name of the organization that will administer the grant: ________________________

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