



# The Literacy Project

United Way of Tulare County

## Mini-Grants Overview:

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every Tulare County community. But, without literacy, none of these things are possible, which is why battling illiteracy is so crucial. **THE LITERACY PROJECT** promotes and encourages reading, and is aimed at lowering the rate of illiteracy in Tulare County, **THE LITERACY PROJECT** works to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community to advance reading.

UWTC understands Tulare County has the highest rate of illiteracy in California, and school budgets are limited. We also know students who leave third grade without reading proficiently are more likely to drop out of high school, and far less likely to go on to success in college and career. Children who aren't proficient readers by the end of third grade fall behind, and many of them never catch up.

In response, we want to provide K-3 teachers with the books they need to teach at the highest level and ensure children in Tulare County become powerful readers, writers and thinkers. We believe anytime we can prepare our children through childhood literacy projects, the stronger their foundation becomes to ensure success in school, life, and the workplace.

UWTC will be awarding mini-grants to K-3 teachers in Tulare County for the 2018/19 School Year. With a simple application, K-3 teachers can apply for funding to provide needed books for their classrooms.

## Timeline:

**October 26, 2018 NEW Application Deadline**

*A review team composed of the UWTC's Women's Leadership Council, will read, score and rank all proposals. The review team will make funding recommendations to UWTC.*

**December, 2018 Funding decisions will be announced**

## Specifics:

- Public K-3 teachers in Tulare County are eligible to apply.
- Teachers may receive no more than one mini-grant award per school year.
- Grants will be awarded to support the purchase of books for the classroom.
- Funds will be used to get children reading more often, encourage families to read together on a regular basis, and get children using the library more often.
- *Funds cannot be used for:* incentives, food, toys, and/or promotional materials.
- **Requests may not exceed \$500.**
- The application is a fillable PDF. Complete it by typing in the highlighted areas. Save completed application PDF to your computer and submit with a "shopping cart inventory" or pre-order print out, etc.
- Incomplete application packets will be rejected.

## Apply at:

<http://www.unitedwaytc.org/the-literacy-project.html>

Submit your application via **email** to: [contact@unitedwaytc.org](mailto:contact@unitedwaytc.org)

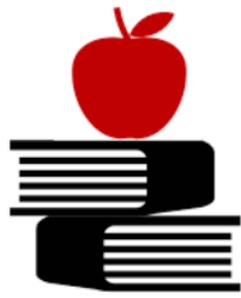
Or **mail** to: United Way of Tulare County

ATTN: *The Literacy Project*

1601 E. Prosperity Ave

Tulare CA 93274





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## Mini-Grants Application

School Name:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

City/Zip:

Principal's Name:

Principal's Email:

Teacher Name:

Position/Grade Level:

Phone:

School Email:

Cell:

Personal Email:

Project Title:

Grade Level:

Number of Students to be Served:

Project Start/End Dates:

Total Budget: \$

Amount Requested: \$

Brief Project Description:

### BUDGET FOR BOOKS NEEDED

Item(s)

Qty

Cost Each

Total

**Please submit a "Shopping Cart Inventory," pre-order print out, etc. along with this application.**

Total Amount Requested: \$