



Letter of Inquiry

Due Date: August 14, 2010

Public school districts and/or tax-exempt nonprofit organizations interested in applying to The Stocker Foundation must first submit a Letter of Inquiry

The Stocker Foundation aims to lessen the achievement gap for under-resourced Kindergarten through 5th grade public school students by investing in programs that strengthen **Literacy**. Successful Letters of Inquiry will document how a program ties-back to Reading/Language Arts, promoting academic gains for those students served.

Areas of Interest:

- **Supplemental Programs** that move students toward grade-level reading mastery
- **Comprehensive Intervention Strategies** that increase overall literacy achievement by fourth grade
- **Book Distribution Programs** that increase students' access to print materials, encourage students' reading outside of the classroom, and develops students' life-long love of reading
- **Programs that support Emerging Literacy and Reading Skills among preschoolers** (children enter kindergarten "ready to read")
- **Some limited funding is available for services that can help remove barriers toward reading success** (food, clothing, vision, and speech/language programs or services)

Using a maximum of six-pages, respond to each of the following:

- 1) Contact and organizational information (including email and website address);
- 2) Identify if funding is sought for Summer 2011 or the 2011-2012 school year;
- 3) Brief description of program to be delivered (discuss the method of service delivery; number of participants to be served; targeted communities, school districts, and/or elementary schools; and race/ethnicity and income demographics);
- 4) Project Budget (how will funds from The Stocker Foundation be used); and
- 5) Intended results related to literacy outcomes for students served.

Letters of Inquiry are due no later than August 14, 2010. For those LOIs moving forward, a full proposal is due by 10/01/10 for a spring 2011 decision. Notification provided in writing.

The Stocker Foundation will have one competitive grant cycle in 2011 and current geographic restrictions remain in effect. Currently funded are Lorain & Cuyahoga counties, OH; Pima County, AZ; Alameda & San Francisco counties, CA; Bernalillo & Dona Ana counties, NM; and King County WA.