International & Cultural Grants Available

TWO MAIN GOALS OF THE CAL ILCE-IG GRANTS PROGRAM:

- Partnerships and activities that enhance relationships with libraries in other countries.
- Cultural programming and activities that celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures in Colorado.

THE SCOPE OF THE ILCE-IG GRANT IS GLOBAL AND ENCOURAGES PROJECTS THAT:

- foster relationships between Colorado libraries and those in other countries.
- foster library support and sustainability in developing communities internationally.
- celebrate international cultures through cooperation with libraries in other countries.
- celebrate diverse cultural groups living in Colorado.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Collaborations between a library in Colorado and another country designed to increase local staff skills. (Staff Training)
- A Colorado library event designed to celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures.
- A Colorado individual's efforts to establish or help maintain a library in a country with underdeveloped libraries.

GRANT GUIDELINES

ILCE-IG will consider grant applications where at least one participating applicant is an individual (or institutional) member of the Colorado Association of Libraries.

Grants will be considered based on the extent to which they meet one or more of the following criteria:
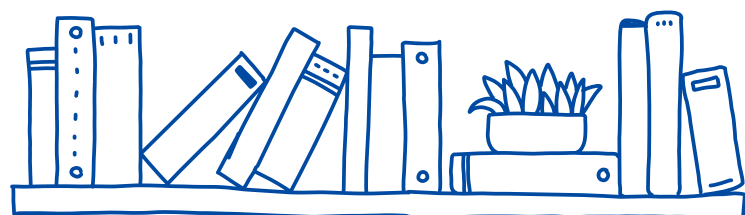
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grants available in 2024 for up to $1500 per grant

Examples of ILCE-IG projects that WILL be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Training or workshops for library staff in other countries
- Limited materials purchased and shipped to support training or a specific library project
- Supplies and printing of materials in support of a training program or a specific project
- Book discussions between users of US and international libraries
- Events at Colorado libraries that celebrate and enhance cultural understanding
- Joint programs or training between Colorado and international libraries
- E-clubs that promote communication between users of Colorado and international libraries
- Activities to establish Sister Libraries within existing Colorado Sister City communities
- Projects between libraries within existing Sister City communities
- Training of library staff in a Colorado Sister City Community

ILCE-IG will NOT consider requests for:

- Book purchases and shipping costs to establish a library
- International travel expenses
- General office supplies
- Religious organizations that do not serve the general public on a non-denominational basis
- ESL or citizenship classes

Grant Opens
April 1, 2024

An international grant committee comprised of CAL members that are not on the ILCE Steering Committee will review the applications to determine whether the applicant and the project are within the ILCE-IG's Program Guidelines.

Those that are not within the guidelines will be declined.

Grants will be considered based on the extent to which they meet one or more of the criteria listed above in the Grant Guidelines.

In addition, the application must:

- Articulate a project design that describes how the project meets grant guidelines.
- Indicate how the success of the project will be measured.
- Proof of current CAL individual or institutional membership.
- Include a budget and budget narrative that describes the amount of money needed and how it will be used for the project.
- Agree to send a report of the project, including:
  - The degree to which the project met its goals.
  - Any problems that occurred and how they were addressed.
  - Photos and quotes from project participants about the project.
- be willing to present a CAL program about the project if requested and give credit to ILCE when presenting.

The International Grant Committee will make recommendations to the CAL Board and then decide on proposals at the regular meeting.

Grant applicants will be notified after the June 2024 CAL Board Meeting.

Grants may begin when funds are received and must be completed within one year.

Additional consideration will be given to proposals that include the following elements:

- Cost-sharing to increase project impact
- Using the ILCE-IG funds to leverage additional donations
- Letters of support

Grant Due
May 15, 2024

Please include the following in your grant proposal:

Part One- Contact Information
- First and last name of grant contact, Position, Employer, Mailing Address (city, state, zip), Email, Phone number, CAL membership Number, Membership Renewal Date
- Contact name for receiving funds, Contact address for receiving funds

Part Two - Description of Project (Please limit to 3 (three) pages)
- **Background Information:** Provide background information for the project, including why this project is important within the context of your school or library.
- **Summary:** A summary of your proposal, highlighting your project's purpose, goals, and expected impact, including the number of library users you expect to reach.
- **Cooperating Agencies:** Local and international (if applicable)cooperating agencies or libraries. Please include Contact Information and their role in the project.
- **Evaluation:**
  - To what extent does your project meet one of the identified goals? Please explain.
    - Partnerships and activities that enhance relationships with libraries in other countries.
    - Cultural programming and activities that celebrate ethnic and immigrant cultures in Colorado.
  - Please describe what success looks like for this project.
  - The method you will use to evaluate the project.
  - The ILCE Steering Committee would appreciate an invitation to attend events funded by the grant. Please submit the expected implementation timeline for activities.

Part Three: Budget
- Please include a detailed budget for how grant monies will be expended. Please include any additional funding that is allocated for the project from additional funding sources.
- Please include a budget justification explaining the budget, why you wish to spend the grant money in the way indicated, and how you arrived at the total. (Please read the list of items not eligible for funding in the grant guidelines.)

Email the completed grant proposal to
cal.ilceig@gmail.com
by May 1, 2024.