



GO FARTHER LITERACY FUND

OVERVIEW

WHAT IS THE GO FARTHER LITERACY FUND? A new pilot program to fund solutions to help address our city's literacy crisis, and ensure all children read at or above grade level. Awarded funds will range between \$150 to \$5,000. Our hope is that this initiative will help Indianapolis families *go farther* - both physically and figuratively!

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Literacy - the ability to read and write - is the foundation for educational success and an increased quality of life. However, 1 in 6 Hoosier adults read at or below a fifth-grade level. These adults were once children. Today, we seek to confront this challenge in the context of both a global pandemic (COVID-19) and the consequences of long-standing structural racism. However, we recognize that our schools and traditional tutoring are not the only potential source of solutions. Therefore, **we are looking for ideas that come from individuals in the communities directly impacted (parents, guardians, aunts, uncles and other family members, friends and neighbors) - who are getting creative to help the children in their lives.** We want to provide some financial support for those efforts and share them more broadly to inspire others.

WHO IS THIS FOR? We are looking for parents, guardians, family members, or local organizations in Indianapolis who support children who attend a public school or attend a public charter school, district school, or IPS Innovation Network School in Indianapolis.

HOW CAN I APPLY? Apply online by sharing your idea in a written application or short video.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE? **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021.** [CLICK HERE TO APPLY.](#)

WHO IS CREATING THIS? Go Farther Literacy Fund is an initiative of The Mind Trust, an Indianapolis-based education nonprofit that invests in public education to transform lives in neighborhoods across Indianapolis. This fund is modeled after Educate78's and Energy Converters': People's Literacy Fund in Oakland, CA.

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