

Texas Reads One Book

Funding

There are different ways to fund school participation in the *Texas Reads One Book* program. Each community is unique and has different resources available. Here are some funding methods that you may find helpful.

Educational Foundation Grants – Schools can apply to their local district educational foundation for one-time funding for participation in this special event. Review the program materials that are included in this information packet to use as a basis for the grant request. Let us know if additional information is needed.

District Discretionary Funding – Districts can allocate funding for discretionary programs that focus on improving students performance targeting at risk students. *Texas Reads One Book* will impact families across the state helping parents to partner with elementary schools to encourage literacy.

Title I Funding – *Texas Reads One Book* addresses the parental engagement requirements of Title I programming in a unique way. As families read together each night, and schools celebrate the story with supporting activities, parental involvement is encouraged through family-school partnerships. Similar programs have been widely implemented in districts and viewed as an essential part of engaging families and supporting reading improvement.

PTA/PTO Sponsorship – Schools can present this opportunity to the PTA/PTO to get involved and support the program through fundraising. *Texas Reads One Book* is a home-based program designed to get families reading together. More participation can be expected if parents are part of the preparation and planning for the event.

Local Civic Sponsorship – The Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and other groups work to provide funding for worthwhile programs that positively impact their community. They can be very helpful in providing funding for a program that benefits children’s academic success and helps to strengthen families.

Local Business Support – Many business owners are looking for opportunities to give back to the community in meaningful ways. It is very appealing for members of the community to support a program for local schools that encourages family literacy and provides books for children.

Parental Funding – Some school and districts will ask parents to pay for their child’s participation in the program. In some communities this model isn’t feasible, but in others it will work very well and help to establish ownership of the program and strengthen participation.