

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries: Book Grants for School Libraries

Grant Overview: The goal of the Laura Bush Foundation (LBF) is to provide books to the school libraries and students that most need them. Funds are only for library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions.

Only schools where a minimum of 50% of the student body qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) program are eligible to apply. Because research demonstrates a clear relationship between family income and a student's access to books, the LBF gives selection preference to schools in which 90% or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches and are likely to have the fewest books at home.

Amount of Award: Up to \$6,000.00.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due December 31, 2010.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The project will not take place without the grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with eligible district schools to develop applications to the Laura Bush Foundation for the purchase of reading materials for building libraries.