

Warren County “Read to Ride” Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Warren County School District, Warren *Times Observer*, and other community partners propose applying for Community Foundation of Warren County funding to establish a summer reading program: Read to Ride. Open to students in Warren County, the program will be a contest encouraging students to read over the summer break. Each book read will increase a students’ chance of winning a bicycle, which would be drawn at the end of the summer from all participating students.

The two objectives to the Warren County Read to Ride proposal:

- Promote reading among children between the ages of six and fourteen.
- Provide bicycles to students and encourage exercise/healthier lifestyles.

Warren County Read to Ride will operate as a partnership between the Warren *Times Observer* and the Warren County School District. In addition to the newspaper and the district, attempts will be made to recruit several founding sponsors from local, high profile businesses. This initial group will serve as the governing committee for the Read to Ride program.

Students would receive one entry for every book read over the summer contest period.

Donations, along with remaining grant funds, would be used to establish a fund to continue the program for the future.

Amount of Award: \$10,000.

Due Date/Notification of Award: September 18, 2009. Notification on October 6, 2009.

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 apply to the Community Foundation of Warren County 60th Anniversary Special Grant to fund the Read to Ride program, in partnership with the Warren *Times Observer*, for students in Warren County.