



Read to the Final Four (RTTFF) Literacy Legacy Grant Application

Read to the Final Four (RTTFF) is excited to bring the energy of March Madness to RTTFF schools across Indiana through grant funding focused on supporting literacy in school communities.

Eligibility: The RTTFF Literacy Legacy Grant opportunity is open to RTTFF Indiana based schools and education foundations that have already registered via [Beanstack](#) and/or are community partners directly connected to those registered schools - i.e. *school is partnered with tutoring non-profit organization or works with a local library to increase access for students. The school must support the grant submission or submit on behalf of the community organization.*

Grants Overview:

1. **RTTFF Library Makeover Grant: 4 grants available (up to \$10,000 each):** To provide a “library makeover” as defined by the applicant. This includes but is not limited to infrastructure improvements, cosmetic updates, painting, technology updates/upgrades, etc. related to enhancing or improving an existing school/organization library.
2. **RTTFF School/Community Library Refresh Grant: 10 grants available (up to \$1,000 each)** to help schools create, refresh, or enhance inventory of libraries both in school and at home. This includes but is not limited to administration or school board approved books, literacy tutoring, incentives, book clubs, translation resources, etc. These funds can be used to provide books for student home libraries.

Tentative Grant Timeline (*Subject to change):

- November 3, 2025 - Grant Application Opens
- January 4, 2026 – Grant Application Closes at 11:59PM ET
- January 5 - Grant Evaluation, Due Diligence, Interviews, & Selection Begins
- *January 30 - Notification & Check-Presentation
- *February 1 - March 26, 2026 – Library Makeover & Refresh Completion Window
- *March 26 - Grantee Site Visits from Indiana Sports Corp & RTFF Education Division
- *April 1 – Share Library Makeover/Refresh Pictures/Videos with NCAA
- *April 4 & 6 – NCAA coverage of grantees at 2026 NCAA Men’s Final Four

NCAA Men’s Final Four - April 2026: In order to align with the NCAA Men’s Final Four in April 2026, selected grantees will be expected to complete their proposed project(s) no later than March 27, 2026. This timeline should be considered as you plan to submit an application.



Here are a few things to keep in mind before starting your application:

- Interested schools and organizations must have registered via [Beanstack](#) prior to October 1, 2025 to be eligible.
- By completing the application, you are eligible and will be considered for **both** grant opportunities (Library Makeover & Refresh).
- It is at the discretion of the NCAA, Indiana Sports Corp, and the evaluation committee to determine the final grant award for each grantee.
- If you are an organization applying that works with a RTTFF school, you must provide the following information if selected to move forward:
 - A school/corporation leader that can verify your ongoing partnership and is in support of you submitting an application.
 - Documentation that shows your organization is registered as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.
 - Provide a current IRS Form 990 or Form 990 or Form 990-EZ from the most recent fiscal year.
- Submission of this form or a video entry does not guarantee you a grant.