



Reach Out and Read American Indian/Alaska Native Reading is Fundamental FAQ for Sites

General Information

Reach Out and Read (ROR) American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) has been awarded a one-year grant from Reading is Fundamental (RIF) to fund all Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) Sites not currently funded under an existing RIF contract. The grant covers 75% of the total book budget for all I/T/U Sites. The remaining 25% of the budget will be matched with a combination of funds. RIF regulations stipulate that only 12.5% of the total book budget can come from federal funds, the remaining 12.5% can come from state, business, or private dollars.

We have put this FAQ together as a guide to help Coalitions working with Sites covered by this grant. Please contact Maureen Finneran if you have further questions.

General Questions

How long will the grant last?

The contract with RIF is for 12 months (June 09 – June 10) and will be renewed on a yearly basis dependent on the availability of funds.

Are there any special rules I need to be aware of?

The funding from RIF will allow Sites to give **3** books per child per year. We realize this is a deviation from the ROR model and will be a shift for Sites to make. As we get closer to finalizing the logistics we will be putting together a guide for Sites that will explain the 3 books per child per year required by the grant and how Sites can integrate this into the program model.

Funding

Who will be responsible for the 25% matching funds?

The matching funds will come from a combination of sources including Site funding, ROR National Center, state and region-based coalitions, and private sources. It will be important to ensure that not more than ½ of the match (or 12.5%) of a Site's total book budget comes from federal sources.

How my Site know what percentage of matching funds they are responsible for?

You will work with ROR AI/AN and National Center staff to determine what sources of funding (if any) the Site has. Then, ROR AI/AN and National Center staff will assist you

in designing a funding plan if needed.

Will Sites continue to receive sustainability funding from ROR National Center?

Sustainability funding may be part of the 25% match, but if other sources of funds are available they will be utilized first.

How will the matching funds be invoiced/collected?

We are still working on the logistics of this.

Books

How will Sites order & receive their books?

ROR AI/AN will be purchasing the books in bulk from 1-2 publishers and assembling them into packs of 25 (similar to “core packs”) with a variety of age-appropriate titles. These packs will be sent out on a quarterly basis.

When will the first shipment of books be sent?

We are still working on exact dates, but the goal is to have the first shipment out by September.

Will Sites have to do any additional reporting?

There will not be any additional reporting, but we will need your assistance in ensuring that all the books purchased with RIF dollars are given out by June and that your Site accurately records all well child visits and books given out.

Recruitment

Can new I/T/U Sites be covered under this grant?

Yes, but there is limited room for expansion. If you know of an I/T/U clinic that is interested in becoming a ROR Site please contact Maureen Finneran.