
Vermont Department of Libraries Summer Performer Grant Guidelines State Fiscal Year 2019

The Department of Libraries supports the mission of local public libraries to provide quality library programming for children, teens, and families. The Department sponsors an annual Summer Reading program available to all Vermont public libraries to foster summer reading for children of all ages. The Summer Reading program fosters the love of reading, introduces children and teens to books and authors to expand leisure reading choices, and works to prevent the “summer slide” and loss of reading skills during the summer months when children are out of school.

As part of the Summer Reading program, the Department of Libraries encourages libraries to provide a variety of programs for children of all ages and families. The purpose of this grant is to make it possible for public libraries to hire performers (e.g., puppeteers, storytellers, program presenters) to conduct quality programming for youth and families during the summer season in 2019.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each eligible library will receive a grant of \$200.00 to be used toward payment(s) to one or more performers of their choice. Libraries are not authorized to use grant funds for any other purpose.
- Eligible costs include performer fees and one-way/round-trip mileage between the performer’s home and the library. Mileage rates are set at \$0.58 per mile.
- The library programs supported with this grant must take place between June 1 and August 31, 2019. All grant funds must be expended by August 31, 2019.
- Libraries must acknowledge funding support from the Vermont Department of Libraries in program publicity and press releases.

ELIGIBILITY

- Vermont public libraries may receive grants under this program.
- Eligibility for this grant award includes grantee compliance with assurances required by previous Summer Performer grants.
- Eligible grantees are those that are not currently suspended or debarred by the Federal government and are current in submissions of the Subrecipient Annual Report and Single Audit Reports for at least the past three years and must pass a pre-award risk assessment.

APPLICATION PROCESS & SUBMISSION

- Method of submission: Complete application via webform.
- Applications must be received by Tuesday, March 26, 2019.
- Award letter and grant administrative documents will be sent to the Library Director.

FINAL REPORT

Award recipients will submit the Vermont Department of Libraries Grant Certification Form and Final Report along with applicable receipts by **September 30, 2019** to certify the grant funds have been spent in accordance with the grant agreement.

- Grant award recipients will be provided the Vermont Department of Libraries Grant Certification Form and Final Report after recipients have been named and the application period for the 2019 Summer Performer Grant program has closed.
- The Vermont Department of Libraries encourages recipients to submit their report soon after the end of the performance/s. However, the final deadline for submitting the report is September 30, 2019.
- Reports should be emailed or mailed to Cass Mabbott, Cass.Mabbott@vermont.gov, Vermont Department of Libraries, 60 Washington Street, Suite 2; Barre, VT 05641.