

**Brief Grant Proposal for New Projects  
Library Services and Technology Act FFY2015**

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**General Information**

Project Title: Baker County Pre-K Links

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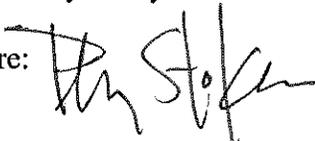
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Date: 4/4/14

PLEASE INDICATE THE ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF YOUR GRANT PROJECT:

(Check applicable boxes)

THIS IS THE  1<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF A

ONE YEAR GRANT PROJECT.

TWO YEAR

THREE YEAR

For projects that are anticipated to be multi-year projects be sure to include an estimate of the funds anticipated to be needed for future years in the Section 4 budget discussion and Section 5 grid.

THIS IS PRIORITY 1 OF THIS ORGANIZATION'S PROPOSALS.

One electronic copy of your proposal in Word or PDF format and one hard copy of this form with original signature must be received by State Library no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, April 11, 2014**. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

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**Project Proposal (insert your text after each section)**

**Section 1. Provide the exact text of the single most relevant goal of Oregon’s Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year Plan 2013-2017 that will be addressed by the grant project. See Appendix A.**

Goal 4#: Develop information literacy. Outcome: Create programs for development of information literacy skills at all ages.

**Section 2. Describe the problem that will be addressed by the proposed grant project.**

This project will serve all Baker County families with children under the age of six. It will specifically target the “panhandle” area of Baker County, involving a partnership between Baker County Library, Pine Eagle School District and the Pine Eagle Community Preschool. This isolated and remote area is accessible only by a narrow, winding, 65-mile, canyon road. 65 % of children in this geographic area come from homes identified as “at risk” due to poverty. 44 % of the adults have attained education levels of high school or less. For the 2013-2014 school year, approximately 47% of children participating in the Oregon Kindergarten Assessment fell below the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile in the three areas measured. The Oregon Early Learning Council (of which OSL is a partner and participant) is encouraging preschools to work with school districts in aligning curriculum, practices and expectations so that all children will start their k-12 education with the foundational skills needed for success. *A key piece to this formula is to engage and involve parents.* This is particularly challenging in low-income, low-education households. This project will include public libraries as partners to create an enticing bridge between early learning alignment activities in the preschools and parent/child engagement in the home while simultaneously building life-enhancing information literacy skills.

**Section 3. Describe the proposed solution that the project will implement. Indicate the project goal, and the quantified objectives that will be used to measure whether the goal is accomplished. Describe briefly the activities that will be undertaken to meet each objective. Briefly indicate how you will evaluate the outcome(s) of this project. See instructions.**

*(There are currently two active projects in the Baker, Wallowa, Ontario Early Learning Hub relating to PS - kindergarten alignment. This project will address the portion of these activities occurring in the Baker County Library District.)* The goal of this project is improving conditions for student success through increased parental involvement with early learning activities. After attending a required orientation class, “enticing” portable learning devices will be available for check out. The devices will be the same types and models that children are using in their classrooms, loaded with early-learning tools that support the curriculum.

The required orientation class will cover basic operation of the device including setting any desired parental controls; how to playfully engage children in early learning activities both with and without the “screen”; and how to access other important information using online resources. Topics may include health, education, employment, housing or other needs as indicated by the participants in a preliminary survey. Early learning activities will be structured to support preschool curriculum.

The devices will be shared between the six Baker County branches and one bookmobile to ensure availability in each community with a participating preschool program. Each community will have a presenter available to conduct training sessions for parents and primary caregivers. The

presenters will be competent in early childhood education; information literacy for adult learners and the use of tablets. Attendance at an orientation/training class will be a prerequisite for checking out a device for home use. Registrants for the class will complete a multiple choice questionnaire that will enable the presenter to focus information literacy training on specific needs.

All participating families will be registered for “Ready to Learn Cards” as part of this program. R2L participation will ensure that families continue to receive fun and effective early learning ideas each month.

Objective 1: Improve information literacy skills for parents/guardians towards greater awareness and use of online family/education/health resources as determined by pre and post assessments.

Objective 2: Increase the number of parents attending preschool meetings by 20%

Objective 3: Increase the number of Baker County children enrolled in Ready 2 Learn by 200.

**Section 4. Provide specifics about the project budget.**

One hundred Kindle Fire Tablets will be purchased and processed for circulation (\$15,000). Each device will be loaded with a variety of resources and activities in support of early learning goals. (\$5,000). Contractual: Instructor fees. 60 classes shared between sites over the 12 month period. Each class compensated at two hours instruction and one hour prep. (60 x 3 hrs x \$30/hr = \$5,400). In Kind: Personnel: planning, promotion, design and analysis of questionnaires. (\$3,000). Mileage for instructors (\$2,000) .

Outcomes include increased parental involvement in preschool conferences; increased numbers of children enrolled in preschool programs; increased numbers of families participating in Ready 2 Learn; improved adult information literacy skills related to accessing services identified as important indicators of family and community success (employment, health, education, housing, etc) and a positive correlation between parental program participation and their child's satisfactory completion of the kindergarten assessment.

**Section 5. Proposed project budget summary (Use this format – do not alter it):**

*(Double click on the table to enter data. Before closing the table, be sure to scroll to the top of it)*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Local Cash</b>	<b>Local In-kind</b>	<b>LSTA</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel		\$3,000		\$3,000
Benefits		\$1,000		\$1,000
Travel		\$2,000		\$2,000
Equipment			\$17,500	\$17,500
Supplies				\$0
Contractual			\$5,400	\$5,400
Library Materials			\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$27,900</b>	<b>\$33,900</b>
<i>Indirect Charges</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$27,900</b>	<b>\$33,900</b>

Proposed LSTA amount: \$27,900.

