

City of Fort Worth - 2026 Family and Community Development Application

Applying Organization:

City of Fort Worth

Applying Contact:

Monique Hill

Status:

In Progress

Due Date:

December 31, 2026

∨ Submission Instructions

Instructions for Completing and Submitting Your Application

1. Navigate through your application and complete with your responses. You may save and return to it later.
2. When you're finished, ensure that you select the option to finalize your application before clicking Save. You won't be able to edit your application once it's submitted.

Questions? Contact us at grants@rainwatercf.org

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to include all requested file uploads could disqualify you from any further review. Please make certain that you have included everything requested before submittal.

∨ ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Legal Name:

Mailing Address for Checks:

100 Fort Worth Trail
Fort Worth, TX
76102 United States

Year Founded:

1873

Tax ID:

75-6000528

Organization Mission:

City of Fort Worth - Working together to build a strong community.

Park & Recreation Department - Position the City's parks and public spaces to enhance livability, access and opportunity; inspiring and supporting our diverse growing community for current and future generations.

Total Organizational Operating Budget:

1,105,348,789

Fiscal Year End Date:

September 30, 2026

Is your Organization Under a Fiscal Sponsor?:

No

∨ CONTACT INFORMATION

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∨ PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Title of Grant Request:

2026 Summer Camp Literacy Programming

One-Sentence Summary for use in RCF annual report:

City of Fort Worth Literacy Initiative Program. The objective is to prevent summer slide, maintain or improve reading levels of participants.

I understand that my answer to the "One-Sentence Summary" question may be made publicly available.

Yes

Grant Request:

City of Fort Worth Park & Recreation and Library is a proud partner in the REV (Read, Excel, Verify) Partnership, a network of Tarrant County organizations committed to improving literacy and math outcomes through collaboration and shared resources. Grant funds will support 21 community centers responsible for administering the Literacy program, to include staffing - cost of adding (2) Literacy Support Coordinators, support increase pay for Literacy Coordinators, 50 laptops/tablets for youth to use during testing and completing curriculum, 5 sets of headphones per community center, incentives for participants and supplies for preassembled Literacy Activity Kits.

Amount Requested (in USD):

338,050

Geographic Area Served:

Tarrant County

Target Population Served:

Elementary School Students

Total Number of People Served Annually:

800

Program Timing:

Camp Fort Worth is a 8 week program that runs June 8 - July 31, 2026 at 21 City of Fort Worth community centers. Grant funding would support youth participating in 2026 summer day camp during FY26.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increase staffing levels of Literacy Support Specialist (LSS) from 1 to 2 at sites that have higher camp enrollment; 5 additional staff.
 - Increase LSS hours of availability from 20 hours per week to 25 hours per week
 - Create (2) Literacy Support Coordinator positions with increased pay and availability to enhance coordination between other LSS, Library, Literacy Roundup (Dyslexia screening) and support parent outreach/education.
 - Purchase 50 additional laptops to expand access literacy software (2 per site) - \$20,000
 - Purchase 5 sets of headphones for each location - \$ 3,500
 - Supplies for preassembled Literacy Activity Kits provided to each community center and mobile recreation sites.
 - Literacy Champion Incentives will be used to encourage youth to maintain or increase literacy skills, document reading hours through participation in Mayors Summer Reading Challenge or have 90% attendance rate in the summer reading program.
- Program efforts will be tracked through access to research-based software used to accelerate reading software Reading A-Z through pre/post test to measure participants reading levels retention, gains or losses during the summer program.
- Participants tested are Pre-K - 7th, youth 5 - 10 years of age,
- Literacy Support specialist will work collaboratively with other camp staff on literacy initiatives, partnerships and related camp activities. RAZ software will be used to provide and other resources to plan and execute literacy activities.

Total Program Budget (in USD):

206,225