



INNOVATION GRANTS

Grant awards up to **\$2,000!**

Application Deadline: April 24, 2026

About the Grant

Black Hills Reads is now accepting “Innovation Grant” applications from 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies who have ideas for innovative projects to help promote early literacy and book access.

What can the funds be used for?

These funds can be used for any literacy project that impacts children from birth through age 9. We highly encourage the collaboration of programs to allow entities to support each other in their efforts to help children prosper. This grant is open to all Black Hills agencies.

About Black Hills Reads

Black Hills Reads (BHR) is the United Way of the Black Hills' education initiative, which helps ensure children are proficient readers by the end of third grade. BHR promotes early learning and literacy opportunities for the 24,085 early learners under nine and their families throughout the Black Hills and Western SD. Visit [www.bhr.org](#) to learn more about the BHR initiative.

How to Apply

Scan the QR Code or visit:



Or Visit:

<https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=44150U>

When you go to the site, it should say United Way of the Black Hills on the top of the page. It should NOT ask for an organization code. If it does, try using the link with a different browser.

Contact Info

For more information or any additional questions, please contact Lisa Stanley, Early Education Project Manager, or call (605) 343-5872.

