

Dare TO Dream

Grant Program Guidelines

For Kids Only seeks to fund programs with specific faith-based components geared towards “at-risk” children ages 0-12 years that further our mission, have specific, measurable spiritual and academic outcomes, and serve as a model in their local community.

FKO funds programs across the United States. We do not fund any international programs, even if they are based in the US.

All grant requests are limited to the amount of \$7,500. The board may only award partial funding, based on their discretion. Typical funding ranges from \$1,000 - \$7,500.

We do not require a letter of inquiry to apply for a grant. After reviewing our grant information thoroughly, if your proposal fits the FKO mission, you may apply. When applying for a Dare to Dream Grant, download and submit via FedEx, UPS or Priority mail the provided application to:
For Kids Only, 2252 Mesa Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Our definition of at-risk:

At-risk children are children at a disadvantage academically, economically, socially, and/or spiritually. **We consider a combination of these characteristics necessary for an ideal application – not only one at-risk characteristic** (i.e. spiritually only). This can include special needs, behaviorally challenged, poverty, abuse and neglect, failing school performance, etc.



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Application info:

- We have two funding cycles each year. Applications are due in our office (not just postmarked) by: January 6 – Cycle 1 OR July 6 – Cycle 2
 - If the 6th falls on a weekend, it is due the following business day – NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - Any application we receive after the deadline FOR ANY REASON will not be considered for funding until the next grant cycle.
- Please use our application form only. Be clear, concise and detailed.
- Be very detailed in describing the program you are requesting funding for. Itemized lists of requested funds must be detailed. If the itemized funding list is not done with enough detail the Review Committee may deny your application. (See attached sample Itemized Budgets)
- Please include a valid email address that is checked regularly. FKO may contact organizations via email, including time sensitive information and requests.

Please verify that you qualify for our grant program by reviewing the list below. If you qualify, please ensure you can provide ALL of the information required. **Grant applications will be disqualified if they are not complete. Applications not adhering to the Dare to Dream guidelines will be disqualified immediately with no reasons given.**

Please thoroughly review our application and the “Do Not Fund” section before applying.

What we DO NOT fund:

- Staff salaries, hourly wages, stipends, honorariums, benefits, personnel expenses, or reimbursements of any kind
- Non-Christian based organizations
- Youth over the age of 12
- Organizations without a 501c3
- Fundraising events of any kind
- Building construction or refurbishing of any kind
- Curriculum development
- Training seminars, conferences, annual meetings, or think-tank sessions provided by your organization
- Research projects
- Endowments
- Individuals
- Political or lobbying activities
- Christian Schools
- Rent and utilities for program operations
- Consultant fees

Funding Priorities:

These types of programs will be given priority over a general request designated as “operating expenses.”

- Specifically outlined programs containing academic and spiritual aspects
- Clearly defined budget for requested funds, with each item designated by a separate line within the document. This includes specific amounts and items being purchased if your program is funded.
- Focused goals that clearly define your vision for the future and provide benchmarks for growth in your program
- Every request submitted by a church must be distinctly community outreach, not a program designed for children already attending within the congregation.



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Application Timeline

January 6 and July 6	All applications are due in the FKO office by these dates. If applications reach the office after the 6 th , they will be held over until the next possible funding session. If the 6 th falls on a weekend, the due date is the following business day.
February 6 and August 6	Applications have been reviewed. Acceptance and denial letters are sent out based on review committee's decisions.
February – April and August – October	Site visits/ phone interviews are scheduled and conducted with FKO staff.
April 1 and October 1	Deadline for additional materials that are requested in interviews. Staff preparation of the applications for the board.
End of April and End of October	Applications are presented to the FKO Dare to Dream grant board for funding decisions. Award money is released by June 1 and December 1 Accountability progress report is due one year from award date.

The accountability progress report is due one year from award date. This includes a one page essay about current achievements within your program. A budget report regarding how FKO funding was spent and any literature or photos of the program should be included.

For Kids Only receives many applications and funding is limited. Applications that the board feels fit the FKO mission and adhere to all our funding guidelines will be given priority.

All grants must be for charitable purposes in accordance with IRS regulations.



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Sample of Attachment J (Detailed Itemized List)

Detailed Itemized List of Requested Funds for CDC

Description	Costs
Program Materials	
DiscipleLand Preschool Curriculum - Old and New Testament	\$ 1,080.52
Program Guide	\$ 49.95
Math Kit 1: Numbers, Geometry and Data	\$ 499.95
Math Kit 2: Patterns and Measurement	\$ 499.95
Literacy Kit 1: Guided Learning Listening and Speaking	\$ 499.95
Literacy Kit 2: Guided Learning - Reading and Writing	\$ 499.95
Literacy Kit 3: Independent Explorations – Library	\$ 499.95
Literacy Kit 4: Independent Explorations - Interest Areas	\$ 499.95
<i>Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos</i>	
Program Guide	\$ 49.95
Complete Resource Kit for Infants	\$ 379.00
Complete Resource Book for Infants	\$ 24.95
Total Program Materials Cost	\$ 4,584.07
Developmentally Appropriate Toys and Games	
Hardwood Unit Blocks	\$ 479.00
Block Play People	\$ 99.00
Community Block Play People	\$ 29.95
Community Hardwood Vehicles Set	\$ 29.95
Career Costume Set (Community Helpers)	\$ 329.00
Community Helpers Puppets	\$ 89.95
15 Player Rhythm Set	\$ 89.95
Rhythm Stick Activity Kit	\$ 19.95
Multi Cultural Rhythm Stick Fun CD	\$ 15.95
Rainbow Parachute 20'	\$ 99.00
Parachute Play Activity Book	\$ 12.95
Heavy Duty Sand Tools Set	\$ 49.95
Super Stilts (2 sets)	\$ 39.98
Active Play Game Box	\$ 34.95
Soft and Cuddly Washable Dolls (set of 4)	\$ 69.00
Feels Real Baby Dolls (set of 4)	\$ 69.00
Hardwood Doll Highchair	\$ 59.95
Pretend Play Combo Kitchen	\$ 479.00
Best Buy Play Food Assortment	\$ 49.95
Best Buy Kitchen Play Set	\$ 39.95
Pretend Play Table and Chair Set	\$ 279.00
Best Buy Jumbo Building Bricks (large legos)	\$ 69.95
Building Brick People	\$ 19.95
Total Developmentally Appropriate Toys and Games	\$ 2,622.18
Art and Education Supplies	
Washable Liquid Tempra	\$ 131.89
Finger Paint (three sets)	\$ 86.85
Paint Supplies (cups, brushes, paper)	\$ 138.45
Paper (construction, drawing)	\$ 83.95
Best Buy crayons (12 color)	\$ 84.95
Best Buy Broad Tip Markers	\$ 49.95
Dough Assortment (2 sets)	\$ 99.00
Dough Cutters Bucket	\$ 16.95
Best Buy Scissors Blunt Tip (2 sets)	\$ 19.00
Jumbo Glue Stick (4 sets of 12)	\$ 39.80
Best Buy School Glue	\$ 27.87
Total Art and Education Supplies	\$ 778.66
Total Request	\$ 7,984.91



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Sample 2 of Attachment J (Detailed Itemized List)

Itemized Budget for Grant Funds

Educational Supplies

Leveled Reading Books for Fourth Grade Students	\$3,700
Classroom Materials (folders, pencils, writing notebooks, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, storage bins, etc.)	\$1,000
Manipulatives and Educational Games (unifix cubes, clock sets, math games, etc)	\$1,000
Math, Reading and Writing Workbooks (TAKS preparation)	\$400
Educational Supplies Subtotal	\$6,100

Materials for Enrichment Activities

Gym/Outdoor Equipment (balls, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops, team building/games)	\$600
Art Supplies (paint, canvas, paper, beads, ceramic tiles, etc)	\$500
Storytelling (books, puppets, etc.)	\$100
Materials for Enrichment Activities Subtotal	\$1,200

Kids' Club Store Incentives

Books	\$300
Toys, Games, Puzzles	\$200
Pencils, Rulers, Notepads, etc.	\$200
Kid's Club Store Incentives Subtotal	\$700

Curriculum

Bible Lessons and Worship (Kidz Blitz weekly curriculum)	\$1,000
Student Bibles (given to students without personal copies)	\$360
Interactive Praise and Music DVD's	\$140
Curriculum Subtotal	\$1,500

Total Grant Request

\$9,500