

# FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## CHALLENGE GRANTS

The Friends of the North Carolina Public Library (FONCPL) will award Challenge Grants of up to \$250. FONCPL reserves the right to determine the number of these grants to be awarded in a calendar year. It is expected that the project or program proposed will be partially funded by the grant and partially funded by the applicant.

These grants are awarded to FONCPL member groups current on their FONCPL dues. Priority is given to a Friends group that has not received a Challenge Grant award previously. Groups that receive Challenge Grants are ineligible to receive another for a period of three years.

Up to \$250 may be requested for any project or program that aligns with the mission and purpose of the Friends group and which directly benefit the Friends. Award funding may not be used to purchase goods or services for the library or library system.

### Challenge Grant Program Timetable

Deadline for Applications	September 15 <sup>th</sup> current year
Grants Awarded	By October 31 <sup>st</sup> current year
Project Completed	By June 30 <sup>th</sup> following year
Evaluation Deadline	By August 31 <sup>st</sup> following year

### Grant Award Evaluation Criteria

Criteria on which grant applications will be evaluated include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Innovative and creative project or program proposal
- Potential for achieving objectives
- Quality of the application (planning, conciseness, financial soundness, and clarity)

### Grant Application Award Process

Members of the Board of FONCLP will review, evaluate and make funding decisions.

## Evaluation/Reporting Requirements

FONCPL wants to determine how funded projects meet objectives, what problems were experienced and overcome, and what was learned from the project. Such information will help FONCPL adapt and apply the experience of grant recipients to other Friends groups around the state. Grant recipients are asked to submit a report form no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. We encourage photos. Materials and any media release on the project or program should include the notice: ***“Funded in part by a grant from Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries.”***

Information from your report may be used on the FONCPL website, annual report and/or newsletter.

## Submissions and Questions

Please complete the Challenge Grant application form and email copy of application, cover letter and any supporting documentation as an attachment to:

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**Questions? Email [ladyloves2read@protonmail.com](mailto:ladyloves2read@protonmail.com)**