

DPI Budget Request: Red River Valley Writing Project (RRVWP)

Objective:

To **improve literacy** and the **teaching of writing** in ND schools (K-College) in all subject areas, through professional development for teachers, continuity programs, and direct work with student writers through youth writing camps, workshops, and competitions. To focus on writers as **informed, intentional, and innovative creators** who can boost North Dakota's economy and enrich civic life.

DPI Budget Request for the 2023-2025 Biennium:

Summer Invitational Leadership Institutes

\$19,200

\$8,000 will support facilitator salaries to organize and lead 90 hours of professional development for promising teacher leaders. \$10,500 will support teacher participant stipends (\$750 stipends for 14 participants). \$350 will cover participant book costs. \$350 will provide snacks, beverages, and RRVWP mugs, pens, folders, & notebooks for participants. Facilities and office supplies provided by NDSU.

Online Teacher Trainings and Book Studies

\$ 10,800

\$4,000 will support facilitator salaries for designing and leading three 15-hour online courses on argument writing. \$5,000 will support participants and credit hour costs (\$250 stipends for 20 participants). \$500 for facilitator salaries and \$1000 for participant support to run two 15-hour book studies addressing the most pressing needs of K-College educators. \$300 is needed to fund materials, snacks, and space rental for our twice-yearly teacher writing groups.

Conference Participation

\$1,500

\$1,500 is needed to support travel, registration fees, and materials for our teacher-leaders to present at regional and national conferences.

Inservice Teacher Training

\$0

Inservice teacher trainings are self-sustaining through income generated from local school districts who request and pay for our services.

Community Writing Workshops

\$ 0

We will seek alternative funding sources (e.g. ND Council for the Humanities) and partnerships with local libraries for the following community writing workshops: "Warrior Words" for military veterans, "Grief and Bereavement Writing," and "Novel Writing."

Youth Writing Camps & Workshops

\$ 0

Our youth writing camps are now self-sustaining through income generated by participant fees.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

\$ 0

The Scholastic Awards are currently funded (\$8,000/year) by a generous donor, the John Deere corporation.

Administrative Support

\$ 13,500

\$9500 (\$4750/year) will support a course release for the director, and \$4000 (\$2000/year) to support a co-director salary.

TOTAL 2023-2025 Biennium Budget

\$ 45,000