

1 Sec. 6. VERMONT’S YOUNG READERS GRANT PROGRAM;

2 APPROPRIATION

3 (a) There is established, from funds appropriated to the Agency for this  
4 subsection, the Vermont’s Young Readers Grant Program to provide grants to  
5 school districts, supervisory unions, and public libraries for local costs  
6 associated with book gifting programs. The Secretary of Education shall  
7 administer the grant program, as follows:

8 (1) Eligible recipients shall be school districts, supervisory unions, and  
9 public libraries that partner with book gifting programs for their local  
10 communities.

11 (2) Grants shall be used for book gifting programs that provide books  
12 free of charge to children from at least birth through age five, but require some  
13 amount of local matching costs.

14 (3) Grants shall be used by eligible recipients to cover or supplement  
15 local matching costs or fees associated with book gifting programs that meet  
16 the requirements under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

17 (b) The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
18 Agency of Education in fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of funding the  
19 Vermont’s Young Readers Grant Program.