Reference Materials: GRT goals and objectives

**Goal 1:** FFN caregivers will have the skills, confidence, and resources to engage children in their care with early literacy materials and activities daily.

**Objectives related to goal 1**:

1.1 Increase FFN caregivers’ knowledge of early literacy and child development

1.2 Increase FFN caregivers’ skills and confidence in offering early literacy practices to the children in their care

1.3 Increase FFN caregivers’ incorporation of more early literacy activities into the daily lives of the children in their care

1.4 Increase caregivers’ awareness of and participation in free early literacy services offered by the library

1.5 Increase the number of early literacy items owned by FFN caregivers for the benefit of the children in their care

1.6 Establish local FFN caregiver communities of practice for informal peer support and connection

**Goal 2:** Public library staff will have strategies to connect FFN caregivers in their area with early literacy services.

**Objectives related to goal 2**:

2.1 Increase library staff knowledge of evidence-based early literacy practices for library spaces, collections, and other offerings

2.2 Establish and/or expand local partnerships between libraries and other agencies to identify and serve FFN audiences in each community

2.3 Increase library staff services (in-library and outreach) to FFN caregivers and the children in their care

2.4 Increase library early literacy collections for in-library and/or borrowing

2.5 Increase early literacy experiences for children in FFN care in southeast Colorado in their childcare or home

**Please note that there is no “Goal 3” listed, as that goal is focused exclusively on state-level work and therefore not necessary to include in local plans.**

**Goal 4**: Children under six in Colorado will be exposed to language and literacy-rich experiences in informal childcare settings and at the library.

**Objectives related to goal 4**:

4.1 Increase early literacy experiences for children in FFN in their childcare or home setting

4.2 Increase early literacy experiences for children in the library and/or through library outreach

Please answer the questions on the next page, using the information above as reference material for your responses. Please limit your responses to all 3 questions to no more than 2 pages.

1. Please describe your overall plan for using Growing Readers Together funds-including any funds being requested for collection development or improvements to your early literacy space-and specifically connecting your proposed actions to the goals and objectives on the previous page.
2. How does your plan for these funds build on and further develop your library’s early literacy programs, services, collection, or physical space?
3. GRT grants include two requirements- 1.) to offer at least one program specifically targeting FFN providers during 2021, and 2.) to spend at least 20% of your funds on materials to distribute to FFN providers. How do you plan to meet both requirements?