

Press Release

The Kemper Foundation's Read Conmigo Program Awards Grants to Bilingual Educators in Los Angeles

CHICAGO, February 14, 2023— [The Kemper Foundation](http://TheKemperFoundation.org) announced today it has awarded grants to 15 bilingual literacy schoolteachers in the greater Los Angeles area. This is the second round of grants awarded in Los Angeles through the Foundation's Read Conmigo program to advance education by supporting bilingual classrooms.

Read Conmigo grants are focused on strengthening bilingual literacy skills and improving learning opportunities for Latino and Hispanic students. Teachers in public and charter elementary school Spanish-English bilingual classrooms are eligible to apply for the grants of \$3,000, which can be used for educational resources, tools and materials, and professional development.

Recipients were selected based on their submitted applications by a panel of The Kemper Foundation principals and Foundation partners including the California Association of Bilingual Educators. Originally launched in five counties in the greater Los Angeles area in 2022, the program expanded to Dallas and Miami in late 2022 and will annually award up to 100 grants of \$3,000 in two grant cycles. A total of 65 grants have been awarded to teachers in the LA-area since the program began last year.

"We're very pleased to award Read Conmigo grants to well-deserving teachers in Los Angeles communities and ultimately help more students gain the educational, social and financial benefits of bilingualism," said Barbara Ciesemier, President of The Kemper Foundation. "Our goal is to provide critical support to bilingual classroom teachers and to make a lasting positive impact in the lives of Hispanic and Latino students, their families and their communities."

To learn more about The Kemper Foundation and Read Conmigo, visit [The Kemper Foundation website](http://TheKemperFoundation.org).

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