



## **River Valley Resources, Inc. \$9,930 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support (Continuing English Language Learner Classes) Literacy**

Madison, Indiana – **May 8, 2026** – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded River Valley Resources, Inc. a \$9,930 grant to support adult literacy. The funds contribute to a record-setting, single-day total of nearly \$16 million in grants nationwide—supporting adult, family, and summer literacy programs in the 48 states where Dollar General operates. The milestone surpasses the Foundation’s previous record of more than \$13.2 million granted in [May 2025](#).

“The support from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation strengthens our ability to provide high-quality Continuing English Language Learner classes for adults in our community. This funding allows us to expand access to essential language instruction, helping learners build confidence, pursue new opportunities, and fully participate in work, family, and community life.”

**River Valley Resources’ Adult Education Program provides Continuing English Language Learner (ELL) classes designed to help adults strengthen their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in English.** Our classes serve learners at a wide range of proficiency levels and focus on practical, real-life communication—supporting success at work, at home, and in the community.

Through small-group instruction, individualized learning plans, and supportive educators, the program helps adults build the language skills needed to advance in employment, pursue further education, and engage confidently in daily life. The grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation will allow us to expand instructional hours, enhance classroom resources, and reach more learners who are seeking to improve their English proficiency.

“Since the Foundation’s inception in 1993, our focus has remained on making meaningful investments in students, teachers, and the organizations that support literacy and learning at every stage of life,” said Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. “We are grateful for the impact teachers and educators make every day and are excited to have another record setting year of helping expand literacy access for learners of all ages. These funds will help educators enhance their instruction and create opportunities that help empower students to reach their full potential.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit

organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online [here](#) or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

The Foundation plans to launch its seventh annual [The Yellow Glasses Project](#) campaign on July 20, 2026, in which customers can purchase yellow sunglasses at Dollar General stores for \$2 each to benefit the DGLF.

### **About River Valley Resources, Inc.**

River Valley Resources, Inc. (RVR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals, strengthening families, and supporting the economic vitality of communities across Indiana. Through comprehensive services—including adult education, workforce development, youth programs, re-entry support, and community resource navigation—RVR helps individuals overcome barriers to employment, education, and stability. Each year, thousands of residents gain access to the tools, training, and opportunities needed to build stronger futures. For more than 30 years, RVR has partnered with local employers, schools, government agencies, and community organizations to create pathways to self-sufficiency and long-term success. Visit [www.rivervalleyresources.com](http://www.rivervalleyresources.com)

### **About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$292 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 25 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org).

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