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Dear Woodland Hills/Warner Center Education Committee,

Thank you very much for your consideration of our project. Our goal for our children is to teach them to understand the values of our families, teaching kindness and caring for each other. As parents and members of Friends of Serrania, we also value the educational process, recognizing that being able to put these two very important life tools together, would be fantastic.

We recently learned about a positive behavior, literacy opportunity from the Lakewood Unified School District. They purchased an all-inclusive library that fits in the space of a vending machine for one of their elementary schools in their district, and the results were phenomenal! Teachers, students, families, and the community, love it. Students would have immediate access to age-appropriate literature, that promotes character, values, and ethics.

Our vehicle for achieving this is with, "Inchy the Bookworm Vending Machine." This all-inclusive literature vending machine encourages positive behavior reinforcement on our schoolyard and in the classrooms.

Our children would be recognized for their demonstration of positive behaviors by being given "golden tokens." The kids would then redeem their golden tokens by placing them in the Inchy, the Bookworm vending machine and choosing a book as their reward.

As the fund-raising organization, Friends of Serrania, we raise money for a variety of enrichment opportunities for the students at Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies. We believe that giving our young children opportunities to enrich themselves through technology, literature, science, and the arts, we provide them with the building blocks to become actively engaged global citizens. Combining positive behavior recognition with literacy will create pride in achieving new levels of excellence.

We hope you will partner with us to make this a reality for our kids. We are requesting \$1,400.00 from this grant, with the balance to be paid by LAUSD. Thank you for your time and consideration. We will be proud to affix a plaque thanking the Woodland Hills/Warner Center Neighborhood Council to our Inchy the Bookworm Vending Machine, for all members of our community to recognize our work together.

Sincerely,

Jessica Cooper
President, Friends of Serrania