

**VI. GENERAL FUND AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE FUND**

**C.1. Grants - Wal-Mart Youth Services Grant**

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As a result of a collaborative effort among the Idaho Library Association, First Lady Lori Otter, the Idaho Community Foundation, and the Idaho Commission for Libraries, the Wal-Mart Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to support “Strengthening Library Services for Youth in Idaho.”

The Idaho Community Association will be the grant recipient, and transfer \$98,000 to the Commission’s Library Services Improvement Fund. The Commission will administer the funds in a sub-grant program for public libraries to strengthen services for youth ages 0-18.

The competitive grant program is designed to encourage creative thinking and new approaches based on best practices in youth services in order to provide innovative services and help libraries reach more children and families in their communities. Grant awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 will enable librarians to begin needed programs they have previously been unable to undertake. The grants also offer an opportunity to expand youth services capabilities in new and/or different directions. It is expected that the funding will provide a foundation for ongoing projects that can be continued with community support or through a reallocation of local library funds.

A public announcement of the grant award is planned for later this fall.

State agencies applying for grants in amounts of more than \$25,000 that are not included in the agency's current appropriation must have prior approval by DFM. We received DFM approval on August 26 to proceed with this grant application provided there is no ongoing state commitment.

**Suggested motion:** I move that expenditures of up to \$98,000 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for the “Strengthening Library Services for Youth in Idaho” grant program as described in Board Document 09-15.

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