

V. FEDERAL FUND

A.1 Finances – FY2019 Object Transfer - Action Item

Consistent with our priority of supporting college and career readiness, we plan to launch a pilot program to build the capacity of Idaho’s public libraries to better prepare children and their families to be successful in school. The Countdown to Kindergarten grant program will provide funding to help public libraries partner with their local school districts to reach children and families before they enter school and provide needed resources and tools to ensure more students are reading on grade level by third grade. The pilot will also strengthen our partnership with the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to help with the rollout of Smarty Ants, Idaho’s new pre-K literacy initiative focused on 4-year-olds, by involving public libraries.

A combination of state and federal funds budgeted for Read to Me and Summer Reading will be used for the grant program. However, the LSTA funding is currently in Operating and needs to be transferred to Trustee and Benefit in order to be distributed as grants to libraries. This request for approval of an object transfer reflects that need.

Suggested motion: I move that the SFY2019 appropriation for the federal fund be adjusted by transferring \$42,000 in Operating to Trustee and Benefit to implement the Countdown to Kindergarten pilot grant program.

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