VII.   GENERAL, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, & LIBRARY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

A.1   Finances – Broadband Toolkit Improvement Program (BTIP) Report – Information Item

At the August 2018 meeting the Board approved expending up to $12,500 from the Library Services Improvement Fund for $500 grants to 25 public libraries that complete a broadband assessment. After launching the Broadband Toolkit Improvement Program (BTIP) on October 1, 2018, 25 libraries signed up to participate by December 7, 2018. As of January 23, 2019, six libraries had completed the program and received $500 toward the implementation of the action items identified in their Library Broadband Improvement Plan. Two additional libraries have indicated their interest in participating should more funding become available in the future.

Participating Libraries

- **Completed**
  - Armoral Tuttle Public Library
  - Glenns Ferry Public Library
  - Gooding Public Library
  - Meadows Valley Public Library
  - Middleton Public Library
  - Priest Lake Public Library

- **In Progress**
  - Caldwell Public Library
  - Camas County Public Library
  - Challis Public Library
  - Clearwater County Free Library District
  - Garden City Public Library
  - Grangeville Centennial Library
  - Hagerman Public Library
  - Hailey Public Library
  - Lizard Butte Library
  - Lost Rivers Community Library
  - Mackay Library District
  - McCall Public Library
  - Nampa Public Library
  - North Bingham County District Library
  - Patricia Romanko Public Library
  - Payette Public Library
  - Prairie River Library District
  - Salmon River Public Library
  - Twin Falls Public Library

- **Waitlist**
  - Kellogg Public Library
  - Emmett Public Library

Examples of how libraries intend to apply the $500 to their Broadband Improvement Plan include:
- Purchase six USB Wi-Fi adapters to create a computer lab.
- Purchase additional content filtering licenses for new library computers, and additional mobile hotspots for both patron and library use.

- Purchase a new networking switch and contract with technical support providers to simplify their network from using two internet providers to a single internet provider to reduce overall cost and technical issues.
- Upgrade their wireless access points to provide the best possible Wi-Fi to their patrons.