

**VI. GENERAL, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, & LIBRARY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**  
**C.1 Grants/Other Support – LSIF Approval Consideration**

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To fulfill our mission of building capacity and to support our K-12 schools in meeting theirs, the Idaho Commission for Libraries applied for and was awarded a \$20,000 grant by the Teaching with Primary Sources Western Region.

This program will offer in-person, onsite sessions on teaching with primary sources for Idaho educators and librarians working with K-12 students. While these sessions will focus on primary sources from the Library of Congress, the goal is for attendees to be able to apply the knowledge they gain to work with additional sets of primary sources. In addition to the Library of Congress, other primary sources include the Digital Public Library of America as well as those from localized sources, including the Idaho State Archives and the Idaho State Historical Society. Sessions will equip attendees with the necessary knowledge and skills to incorporate primary sources into their teaching practice. Participants will in turn disseminate their newfound knowledge to the teachers at their schools, in “train the trainer” style. By making these sessions available to smaller, rural, and remote libraries, our goal is to help close the gap in professional development opportunities for K-12 staff in underserved communities, and to provide tools for equitable access to information that often confronts these communities.

As outlined in Idaho Code, Board approval is required for all expenditures from the LSIF:

33-2506 (2) Purpose. The purpose of the library services improvement fund is to further the development of library services for all the people of Idaho. Moneys in the library services improvement fund are appropriated to and may be expended by the board of library commissioners at any time for the purposes provided in this section.

(4)(c) Payments from the library services improvement fund may be used only for the purposes approved by the board of library commissioners. Funding decisions shall be solely within the discretion of the board of library commissioners.

**Suggested motion:** I move that, upon receipt of funds from the Teaching with Primary Sources Western Region, expenditures of up to \$20,000 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for implementing the Teaching with Primary Sources program.

**MSC:** \_\_\_\_\_