

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA****B. Kindergarten Readiness Grant Applications Received – Information Item**

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The “Kindergarten Readiness” pilot grant program, which is funded with \$60,000 from our FY2019 state appropriation, has three goals:

1. Ensure that more Idaho four-year-olds and their families have public library cards to gain access to the tools and resources needed to help children succeed in school.
2. Increase the amount of early literacy activities done in the homes of four-year-olds across the state (including use of Smarty Ants™, Tumblebooks™, and other early learning resources).
3. Increase the number of successful public library, school, and community partnerships aimed at third-grade reading proficiency.

We received 14 applications totaling \$107,500. Public libraries could apply for grants of \$2,500, \$5,000, \$7,500, or \$10,000. Partnership with the school district and/or other community organizations is required. Projects must include a tool to measure the success and impact of the activities. Interim and final reports of progress toward program goals are also required, and the data will be used to evaluate the pilot.

<b>Awarded Applicants</b>	
<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Award</b>
Boise Public Library (Main)	\$7,500
Coeur d'Alene Public Library	\$7,500
East Bonner County Free Library District	\$7,500
Franklin County District Library (Larsen-Sant)	\$10,000
Gooding Public Library	\$10,000
Jefferson County District Library (Hamer)	\$2,500
Kuna Library District	\$5,000
Meridian Library District	\$10,000
<b>8 Grantees</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

<b>Applicants not funded</b>	
<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Request</b>
Community Library Network (Hayden)	\$7,500
Idaho Falls Public Library	\$10,000
Jefferson County District Library (Menan Annis)	\$10,000
Middleton Public Library	\$7,500
Nampa Public Library	\$7,500
Payette Public Library	\$5,000
<b>6 Requests</b>	<b>\$47,500</b>