

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

A. Finances – STEM Action Center funding – Action Item

The Commission requested and received the STEM Action Center's support for four projects in FY2019 through two Sponsorship Award Agreements that total \$119,500.

1) Summer STEM from your library, \$50,000 from STEM AC + \$4,000 from ICfL = \$54,000

Summer STEM has become an effective program for engaging youth and families with STEM learning outside of traditional settings during the summer months. In 2019, ICfL will increase the reach of this program by awarding up to 70 libraries \$600 mini-grants for STEM outreach programming. We will also use STEM Action Center funds to offer tools to make it easier for library staff to take STEM activities out to their communities during the summer months. Tools include a collapsible wagon to make it easier to haul materials, and water bottles for staff to keep hydrated in the heat.

2) Make It training, \$50,000 from STEM AC + \$32,000 from ICfL = \$82,000

Funds will help supplement ICfL's budget to provide regional training for public and school library staff to further their Make It/STEM programming and services in the spring of 2019. With the STEM AC's support, we will host three two-day workshops around the state and will invite current Make It libraries to present what has worked best in their communities and lessons learned. Library staff will develop an action plan by the end of the second day that will help them build on their successes and reach more people in their communities with STEM-based resources and programs. Each library (targeting 70 libraries) will then have access to a \$750 shopping list to help implement their action plans. ICfL funds will pay for travel and the training.

3) Futures Camp Sponsorship, \$15,000 from STEM AC

ICfL sought sponsorship from the STEM Action Center for an upcoming Futures Camp, June 12-14, 2019. The goal of the event is to engage forward-thinking Idaho library staff and trustees in planning for the future of Idaho Libraries. Participation will be through a competitive application process. The campus of the College of Idaho has been reserved for the event and we plan to include about 80 people who will stay on campus. During the first day of the event, we plan to showcase numerous high-tech and STEM-related tools: robots and drones that are being used to deliver library books, VR and AR systems for use in educational settings, and other emerging technologies. This STEM-focused showcase aligns with the teacher professional development and opportunities section of STEM AC's strategic priorities. STEM AC logos will be featured on promotional materials and giveaways.

4) **Introducing coding to preschoolers at libraries, \$4,500 from STEM AC + \$1,500 from ICfL = \$6,000**

ICfL intends to increase the reach of professional development opportunities for educators by creating a series of online training modules that show librarians how to help families with preschool-age children develop basic computer science skills. Each library that finishes all the training modules will be asked to use what they have learned to create programming for families with young children and will be provided relevant books to support their efforts. ICfL Youth Services Consultant Jennifer Redford will develop the module content and work with Continuing Education Consultant Tammy Hawley-House to make the materials available using a video-based training platform.

The Commission will evaluate all programs with participant surveys and submit a final report with all data and outcomes to the STEM Action Center.

We expect the STEM Action Center funds to be deposited in the Library Services Improvement Fund by the end of December 2018.

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 the expenditure of up to \$119,500 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for implementation of the FY2019 STEM projects outlined in the Sponsorship Award Agreements with the Idaho STEM Action Center.

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