

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

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries is partnering for the second year with the Idaho Lottery Commission on the Bucks for Books! program to help Idaho's elementary school libraries purchase the books students need to become proficient readers. Fingertip access to high-quality children's books in the home, whether those books are owned by the family or borrowed from the library, is an essential element for students to become proficient readers. The Lottery Commission is planning to provide \$40,000 that will soon be awarded this fall to selected Idaho school libraries.

Last year 88 schools applied for the program, requesting \$222,000 in funding and \$30,000 was awarded. A book drive coordinated by Lottery staff and Barnes and Noble with ICfL's support provided additional books and gift cards for schools.

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 Idaho Lottery Commission, expenditures of up to \$40,000 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for implementing the Bucks for Books partnership.

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