

## V. Federal Funds

### D. CARES Broadband Funds – information item

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) has been awarded two \$1 million grants for “Rural Libraries Connecting Idahoans via Wi-Fi Hotspots” to provide reliable, open, wireless internet access in Idaho’s smallest, most rural communities. The first \$1 million grant will be awarded to public libraries serving communities of fewer than 3,000 people. The second \$1 million grant will be awarded to Idaho public libraries serving communities of fewer than 10,000 people.

The public libraries’ existing broadband service will be utilized with the state-of-the-art network equipment the grant recipients will receive. The improved technology is capable of symmetrical gigabit speeds, including indoor and outdoor wireless access points.

The grants were awarded to the ICfL through the Idaho Broadband Grant program administered by the Idaho Department of Commerce, which utilizes federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding received by the State of Idaho. The list of libraries receiving equipment upgrades and six-year service contracts follows:

Library Name	City
Aberdeen District Library	Aberdeen
Ada Community Library - Hidden Springs Branch	Boise
Ada Community Library - Star Branch	Star
Armorall Tuttle Public Library	New Plymouth
Bellevue Public Library	Bellevue
Benewah County District Library - Tensed Branch	Tensed
Benewah County District Library - Tri-Community Branch	Fernwood
Boise Basin Library District	Idaho City
Buhl Public Library	Buhl
Camas County District Library	Fairfield
Clark County District Library	Dubois
Clearwater Memorial Library	Orofino
DeMary Memorial Public Library	Rupert
Donnelly Public Library District	Donnelly
Elk River Free Library District	Elk River
Franklin County District (Larsen-Sant) Library	Preston
Garden Valley District Library	Garden Valley
Glenns Ferry Public Library	Glenns Ferry
Gooding District Library	Gooding
Hagerman Public Library	Hagerman
Hailey Public Library	Hailey
Hansen Community Library	Hansen

Homedale Public Library (Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library)	Homedale
Kimberly Public Library	Kimberly
Lost Rivers District Library - Arco Branch	Arco
Lost Rivers District Library - Howe Branch	Howe
Mackay District Library	Mackay
McCall Public Library	McCall
Middleton Public Library	Middleton
Midvale District Library	Midvale
Oakley District Library	Oakley
Ola District Library	Ola
Oneida County District Library	Malad
Payette Public Library	Payette
Pierce District Library	Pierce
Plummer Public Library	Plummer
Priest Lake District Library	Priest Lake
Rigby Public Library	Rigby
Salmon River Public Library	Riggins
Shoshone Public Library	Shoshone
South Bannock District Library - Downey Branch	Downey
South Bannock District Library - Lava Hot Springs	Lava Hot Springs
South Bannock District Library - McCammon Branch	McCammon
The Community Library	Ketchum
Weiser Public Library	Weiser
Wendell Public Library (Sherburn Smith Memorial)	Wendell
West Bonner Library District - Blanchard Branch	Blanchard
West Bonner Library District - Priest River Branch	Priest River
Wilder District Library	Wilder
<b>49 Rural Libraries Connecting Idahoans Grantees</b>	