

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

C. Kindergarten Readiness Grant Applications Received – Information Item

The Kindergarten Readiness Grant program, which is funded at \$60,000 annually from the agency's state general fund 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, especially for families with limited access to preschool programming or who are not regular library users.
2. Increase the amount of early literacy activities done in the homes of four-year-olds across the state.
3. Increase the number of successful public library, school, and community partnerships that increase third-grade reading proficiency by focusing on pre-kindergarten experiences, especially for underserved children.

This year, with decreased capacity for programming statewide, the ICfL staff received 10 applications totaling \$56,000 and no applications were declined. The remaining balance of \$4,000 was utilized to fund additional Bucks for Books applications. Public libraries can apply for grants up to \$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, and a contingency plan in case the pandemic forces library or school closures. ICfL staff meet with each grant recipient at least once during the fall to help ensure projects meet best practices standards, measurement tool(s) are sound, and budgets are reasonable and accurate. Interim and final reports of progress toward program goals are also required.

Awarded Applicants	
Library Name	Award
Aberdeen District Library	\$10,000
Benewah County District Library, Tri Community Branch	\$2,000
Burley Public Library	\$10,000
Community Library Network, Hayden Branch	\$5,000
Fremont County District Library, Ashton Branch	\$8,000
Garden City Public Library	\$3,000
Gooding Public Library	\$2,000
Kellogg Public Library	\$3,000
Meridian District Library	\$3,000
Oneida County District Library	\$10,000
10 Grantees	\$56,000