

VI. General, Miscellaneous Revenue, & Library Services Improvement Funds
E. School Library Access Grants – information item

The Idaho Commission for Libraries receives \$200,000 in state general funds annually to support the School Library Access (SLA) program. Since FY2012, \$1.25 million has been awarded to Idaho elementary schools to improve library collections and encourage best practices in supporting early literacy for grades K-2, in particular. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Grants are offered in two rounds, one for elementary school libraries that have not participated in the SLA program and one for “returning” libraries applying for funding after three years of receiving an initial grant. In FY22, upper elementary school library programs (non K-1 grades) could apply for funding for the first time, which added a third round to the grant program for this year only.

Due to the pandemic, few library staff applied for ICfL grant programs in FY22, resulting in a balance of SLA funding. Staff opted to utilize \$51,000 remaining from the SLA grants (along with \$4,000 remaining from the Kindergarten Readiness Grants) to further support the Bucks for Books program so that the funds would still be utilized by school libraries for books.

The SLA grant process for FY23 will open in December 2021 and will be open to all grade levels for the first time. This should produce a robust applicant pool. Grantees are notified in the late spring and the funds will be awarded in September utilizing FY23 funds. Attending a day-long training (or watching a recording of the information) that covers grant requirements and collection development resources is a requirement of receiving SLA grant awards.

Awarded SLA Round 1 Grantee 21/22:

School District Name	Elementary School Name	Award Amount	Evaluation & Status
Atlas Elementary	Coeur d'Alene School District #271	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Bonneville Online Elementary School	Bonneville Joint School District #93	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Butte View Elementary	Emmett School District #221	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
CDA K-12 Project-Based Magnet School	Coeur d'Alene School District #271	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved, School Declined Grant
Cottonwood Elementary	Jefferson School District #251	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Harrison Elementary School	Kootenai School District #274	\$2,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Hollister Elementary	Filer School District #413	\$3,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
IB. Perrine	Twin Falls #411	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Indian Hills Elementary	Pocatello/Chubbuck #25	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Lakevue Elementary	Vallivue #139	\$3,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
McMillan Elementary	West Ada Joint School District #2	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Seltice Elementary	Post Falls School District #273	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Ucon Elementary	Bonneville School District #93	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved, School Declined Grant
West Ridge Elementary School	Post Falls School District #273	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Willow Creek Elementary	West Ada Joint School District #2	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved

13 SLA Round 1 Grantees (2 grantees declined)	Round 1 Grantees Sub-Total	\$58,000
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Awarded Round 2 Grantees - 21/22:

School District Name	Elementary School Name	Request Amount	Evaluation & Status
Adams Elementary	Madison School District #321	\$3,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Bellevue Elementary School	Blaine County School District #61	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Borah Elementary School	Coeur d'Alene School District #271	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Discovery Elementary	Bonneville School District #93	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved, School Declined Grant
Ernest Hemingway Steam School	Blaine County School District #61	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Hawthorne Elementary	Idaho Falls School District #91	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Idaho Hill Elementary	West Bonner County School District #83	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Kamiah Elementary School	Kamiah School District #304	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Malad Elementary School	Oneida County #351	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Mountain Valley Elementary School	Bonneville Joint School District #93	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Nezperce Elementary	Nezperce Jt. SD #302	\$2,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Paris Elementary	Bear Lake School District #33	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
South Fork Elementary	Jefferson School District #251	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
South Fork Elementary	Madison School District #321	\$3,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Southside Elementary Library	Lake Pend Oreille School District #84	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Temple View Elementary School	Idaho Falls School District #91	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Van Buren Elementary	Caldwell School District #132	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Victor Elementary	Teton School District #401	\$3,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved

17 SLA Round 2 Grantees (1 grantee declined)	Round 2 Grantees Sub-Total	\$76,000
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**Awarded Upper Elementary
Grantees - 21/22:**

School District Name	Elementary School Name	Request Amount	Evaluation & Status
Blackfoot Heritage Sixth Grade	Blackfoot District #55	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
J. Russell Elementary	Moscow District #281	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved
Westside Elementary School	Payette Joint District #371	\$5,000	Staff Reviewed & Approved

3 SLA Upper Elementary Grantees	Upper Elementary Grantees Sub-Total	\$15,000
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Total Awarded SLA Grants - 21/22:

33 SLA Grantees (3 declined)	21-22 SLA Grants Total Amount	\$149,000
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