

VI. General (state funds), Miscellaneous Revenue, and Library Services Improvement Funds
C. Grants – Connecting Communities Program Applications Received – Information item

The Connecting Communities Digital Inclusion Program provides Chromebooks and accessories to public libraries throughout Idaho for the purpose of expanding digital inclusion, equity, and literacy efforts. Participating libraries create or expand existing partnerships with community organizations to reach groups or individuals benefiting from increased access to internet-enabled devices and digital literacy training.

During a [pilot of the program in fall 2022](#), the Idaho Commission for Libraries distributed 135 Chromebooks to 10 libraries throughout the state. Those libraries then utilized the devices at their locations or gave them to community members to keep after those individuals completed basic technology and cybersecurity training.

Due to the success of that initial run, the ICfL opened applications for a second round of the program in summer 2023. Thirteen public libraries applied, and all were awarded devices through the program:

Library	Number of Chromebooks Awarded
Ada Community Library – Star Branch	10
Ada Community Library – Victory Branch	10
Boise Public Library	10
Bonneville County Library District	20
Cascade Public Library	15
Coeur d’Alene Public Library	20
Eagle Public Library	20
Grangeville Centennial Library	5
Notus Public Library	5
Oneida County Library District (Malad)	20
Patricia Romanko Public Library (Parma)	15
Prairie River Library District – Lapwai Branch	20
Payette Public Library	5
Total Chromebooks Awarded	175