

IV. Federal Fund

C.2. Grants – American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Grant Applications Received – Information item

The Idaho Commission for Libraries received federal American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds to distribute to Idaho libraries. The purpose of this funding is to help entities address unfinished learning in their communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ICfL is investing this \$1.25 million over two years, offering [grants and resources](#) for libraries to support learners in grades K-12. This is the second year of the following grant opportunities:

- **Out-of-School Time (OST) Planning Grants** of up to \$15,000 for library systems or school districts to strategically develop services and programs for youth.
- **Out-of-School Time (OST) Programming Grants** of up to \$3,000 for library locations to use research-based best practices in programming with youth.
- **Summer Learning Strategies Grants** of up to \$20,000 for library systems to use research-based strategies to build high-quality summer learning programs that align with the library’s mission and strategic plan.
- **Summer Support Grants** of \$2,000 for libraries to enhance current summer learning or summer reading programs.
- **Summer School Library Grants** of up to \$7,000 for school libraries to remain open during the summer months.

So far this fall, the ICfL has awarded a total of **\$298,000 in ESSER OST Planning, OST Programming, and Summer Learning Strategies grants**. They are detailed below. Summer Support Grants and Summer School Library Grants will be awarded in early December 2023.

Awarded ARP ESSER Grant Applicants		
Library	Amount Awarded	Status
Cascade Public Library	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Donnelly Public Library District	\$8,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Gooding Public Library District	\$8,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Idaho Falls Public Library	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Library (Gooding)	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Kenneth Carberry Elementary School (Emmett School District)	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Lake Pend Oreille School District 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Program; Farmin-Stidwell (Sandpoint), Kootenai, and Southside (Cocolalla) Elementary School libraries	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Oneida County School District	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved
8 OST Planning Grant Awards	\$106,000	

OST Programming Grant		
Library	Amount Awarded	Status
Ada Community Library – Hidden Springs	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Victory	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Lake Hazel	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Star	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Challis Public Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Clearwater County Free Library District (Weippe)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Coeur d’Alene High School Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Cottonwood Elementary School (Rigby – Jefferson School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Garden Valley District Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Grangeville Centennial Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Hailey Public Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Harwood Elementary School (Rigby – Jefferson School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Homedale District Library	\$1,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Midway Elementary School (Menan – Jefferson School District)	\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Owyhee High School (Meridian – West Ada School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Pepper Ridge Elementary School (Boise – West Ada School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Ponderosa Elementary School (Meridian – West Ada School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Renaissance High School (Meridian – West Ada School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Rigby High School Library (Jefferson School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Victory Middle School (West Ada School District)	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
West Bonner Library District – Priest River	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
21 OST Programming Grant Awards	\$60,000	
Summer Learning Strategies Grant		
Library	Amount Awarded	Status
Boise Public Library	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Cascade Public Library	\$20,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Gooding Public Library District	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Hailey Public Library	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Mountain Home Public Library	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved partial funding
Nampa Public Library	\$20,000	Staff reviewed and approved

Oneida County Library	\$15,000	Staff reviewed and approved partial funding
Prairie River Library District	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Twin Falls Public Library	\$17,000	Staff reviewed and approved partial funding
10 Summer Learning Strategies Grant Awards	\$132,000	

Declined ARP ESSER Grant Applications		
OST Programming Grant		
Library	Amount Requested	Status
Cascade Public Library	\$3,000	Ineligible – receiving OST Planning Grant
Idaho Falls Public Library	\$3,000	Ineligible – receiving OST Planning Grant
2 OST Programming Grant Declines	\$6,000	
Summer Learning Strategies Grant		
Library	Amount Requested	Status
Emmett Public Library	\$20,000	Staff reviewed and declined
Idaho Falls Public Library	\$20,000	Staff reviewed and declined
Wood River Middle School Library	\$20,000	Ineligible
3 Summer Learning Strategies Grant Declines	\$60,000	