

**V. General (state funds), Miscellaneous Revenue, and Library Services Improvement Fund**  
**C.2. Grants – Kindergarten Readiness Grant Applications Received – Information item**

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries’ Kindergarten Readiness Grant program has three goals:

1. Ensure that more Idaho 4-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 4-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, the ICfL had \$100,000 to award – an increase of \$40,000 from past years, following the Idaho State Legislature’s approval of an ongoing state general fund budget enhancement to support the program. The ICfL offered two grant options:

- **Kindergarten Readiness Standard Grants** of up to \$10,000 – For libraries that have never received a Kindergarten Readiness Grant through the ICfL OR libraries proposing an entirely new Kindergarten Readiness Grant project.
- **K Ready-Set-Go Mini-Grants** of \$500 to \$5,000 – To fund the continuation of a current or past project previously funded through a Kindergarten Readiness Grant from the ICfL, or to use a “ready-to-go” model.

Partnership with the school district and/or other community organizations is required for all grant projects. Projects must include a tool to measure the success and impact of the activities. 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.

The ICfL received 21 applications and was able to fund all of them.

<b>Kindergarten Readiness Standard Grants</b>		
<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Evaluation and Status</b>
Ada Community Library – Star	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Challis Public Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
North Bingham County District Library	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Prairie River Library District – Lapwai	\$10,000	Staff reviewed and approved
<b>K Ready-Set-Go Mini-Grants</b>		
<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Evaluation and Status</b>
Aberdeen District Library	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Connect	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
American Falls District Library	\$1,500	Staff reviewed and approved
Bear Lake County Library	\$1,500	Staff reviewed and approved

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Benewah County District Library – Tri-Community Library/Tensed Desmet Library	\$3,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Bonneville County Library District	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Boundary County Free Library	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Gooding Public Library District	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Hailey Public Library	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Hansen Community Library	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Kuna Library District	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Larsen-Sant Public Library (Preston)	\$2,500	Staff reviewed and approved
Lewiston City Library	\$4,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Oneida County Library	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Patricia Romanko Public Library (Parma)	\$3,500	Staff reviewed and approved
Twin Falls Public Library	\$1,000	Staff reviewed and approved
West Bonner Library District	\$5,000	Staff reviewed and approved
<b>21 Total Awards</b>		
	<b>\$100,000</b>	