

V. General (state funds), Miscellaneous Revenue, and Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF)
C. Grants – School Library Access Mini-Grant Awards – Information item

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) receives state funding annually to make subawards to school libraries through the School Library Access Mini-Grant program. Funds from this program are used to purchase books to help ensure access to high-quality reading materials for elementary and secondary students. This grant program has four primary goals for elementary schools:

- Increase the amount of reading done in the homes of Idaho’s elementary school students, particularly those in pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade.
- Increase access to age-appropriate, quality nonfiction and fiction titles in elementary school libraries, especially for primary students.
- Increase the number of children reading at grade level.
- Increase school libraries’ financial support from their school districts.

The program has three primary goals for secondary schools:

- Increase the amount of recreational reading done by students in grades 6-12.
- Increase access to age-appropriate, high-quality nonfiction and fiction titles in secondary school libraries.
- Increase the number of students in grades 6-12 reading at grade level.

In 2024, 28 elementary schools and 15 secondary schools applied for the School Library Access Mini-Grant. Forty-one schools received grant awards. Two applicants were declined due to their receipt of the grant during the 2021-2022 grant cycle. To be eligible, applicants may not have received the grant within the last three grant years (2021-2022 school year and later).

Funds will be distributed in September, after grantees attend a full-day training hosted by the ICfL. The training covers early literacy, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension. It also focuses on strategies for secondary school librarians to create a culture of reading.

Here are the fiscal year 2025 School Library Access Mini-Grant applicants and award amounts:

School Library Access Grant Awards		
School	School District	Award Amount
Elementary Schools		
Acequia Elementary (Rupert)	Minidoka County Joint District #331	\$5,000
Bridgewater Elementary (Idaho Falls)	Bonneville District #93	\$5,000

Camelot Elementary (Lewiston)	Lewiston Independent District #340	\$5,000
Coeur d'Alene Tribal School (DeSmet)	Coeur d'Alene Tribal School #535	\$5,000
Early Childhood Education Center (Rexburg)	Madison District #321	\$5,000
Fernan STEM Academy (Coeur d'Alene)	Coeur d'Alene District #271	\$5,000
Fruitland Early Childhood Center	Fruitland District #373	\$4,000
Fruitland Elementary	Fruitland District #373	\$5,000
Hansen Elementary	Hansen District #415	\$5,000
Hibbard Elementary (Rexburg)	Madison District #321	\$5,000
Idaho Arts Charter Elementary (Nampa)	Idaho Arts Charter School	\$5,000
Kennedy Elementary (Rexburg)	Madison District #321	\$3,000
Leadore School	South Lemhi District #292	\$5,000
Lena Whitmore Elementary (Moscow)	Moscow District #281	\$5,000
Mill Creek Elementary (Middleton)	Middleton District #134	\$3,000
Moreland Elementary (Blackfoot)	Snake River District #52	\$5,000
Richfield School	Richfield District #316	\$5,000
Sawtooth Elementary (Twin Falls)	Twin Falls District #411	\$5,000
Sherman Elementary (Nampa)	Nampa District #131	\$5,000

South Fork Elementary (Rigby)	Jefferson County Joint District #251	\$5,000
Syringa Elementary (Pocatello)	Pocatello/Chubbuck District #25	\$5,000
Tiebreaker Elementary (Idaho Falls)	Bonneville Joint District #93	\$5,000
Tyhee Elementary (Pocatello)	Pocatello/Chubbuck District #25	\$5,000
Washington Elementary (Caldwell)	Caldwell District #132	\$5,000
Washington Elementary (Pocatello)	Pocatello/Chubbuck District #25	\$5,000
Winton Elementary (Coeur d'Alene)	Coeur d'Alene District #271	\$5,000
Secondary Schools		
Coeur d'Alene High	Coeur d'Alene District #271	\$5,000
Eagle Academy (Meridian)	West Ada District #2	\$5,000
Fruitland Middle	Fruitland District #373	\$5,000
Hacker Middle (Mountain Home)	Mountain Home District #193	\$5,000
Kuna Middle	Kuna District #3	\$5,000
Lakes Middle (Coeur d'Alene)	Coeur d'Alene District #271	\$5,000
Middleton High	Middleton District #134	\$5,000
Middleton Middle	Middleton District #134	\$5,000
Nampa High	Nampa District #131	\$5,000
Parma Middle and High	Parma District #137	\$5,000

Robert Stuart Middle (Twin Falls)	Twin Falls District #411	\$5,000
Rocky Mountain High (Meridian)	West Ada District #2	\$5,000
St. Maries Middle	St. Maries Joint District #41	\$5,000
Teton Middle (Driggs)	Teton County District #401	\$5,000
William Thomas Middle (American Falls)	American Falls Joint District #381	\$5,000
	41 Grant Awards	\$200,000
School Library Access Mini-Grant Declines		
School	School District	Award Request
Bonneville Online Elementary (Ineligible for award due to receiving the SLA Mini-Grant in 2021-2022)	Bonneville District #93	\$5,000
Kamiah Elementary (Ineligible for award due to receiving the SLA Mini-Grant in 2021-2022)	Kamiah District #304	\$5,000
	2 Grant Declines	\$10,000