

**VI. General (state funds), Miscellaneous Revenue, and Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF)**  
**A.3. Finances – LSIF Approval Consideration – Action item**

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries seeks Board approval to utilize Library Services Improvement Funds (LSIF) for two programs:

**Bucks for Books:** For the sixth year, the Idaho Commission for Libraries is partnering with the Idaho Lottery Commission on the Bucks for Books program to help Idaho’s elementary school libraries purchase the books students need to become proficient readers. Access to high-quality children’s books in the home – whether those books are owned by the family or borrowed from the library – is an essential element for students to become proficient readers. The Lottery Commission is contributing \$50,000 that will be awarded this fall to selected Idaho school libraries. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to buy library books in the 2024-2025 school year.

**Talking Book Service:** Donations from Talking Book Service (TBS) patrons have been placed in the LSIF account from time to time. This request is to utilize up to \$30,000 for one-time expenditures to support the TBS program. ICfL staff have identified several likely expenditures: Two printers, the 2025 TBS Calendar, funding to supplement the Library Services and Technology Act portion of the That All May Read subgrant program, and advertising in the Seniors Blue Book.

As outlined in Idaho Code, Board approval is required for all expenditures from the Library Services Improvement Fund:

33-2506 (2) Purpose. The purpose of the library services improvement fund is to further the development of library services for all the people of Idaho. Moneys in the library services improvement fund are appropriated to and may be expended by the board of library commissioners at any time for the purposes provided in this section.

(4)(c) Payments from the library services improvement fund may be used only for the purposes approved by the board of library commissioners. Funding decisions shall be solely within the discretion of the board of library commissioners.

**Suggested motion:** I move that, upon receipt of funds from the Idaho Lottery Commission, expenditures of up to \$50,000 be approved for implementing the Bucks for Books partnership and that up to \$30,000 be approved to support one-time expenditures for the Talking Book Service from the Library Services Improvement Fund.

**MSC:** \_\_\_\_\_