

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

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is requesting Board approval to allocate up to \$300,000 from the Library Services Improvement Funds (LSIF) to cover personnel costs through the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2025. This funding would serve as a contingency and be used only if Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds — expected under our agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services—are delayed or unavailable.

The agency is also seeking authority to use any unspent General Account personnel funds to cover these costs. If such spending authority is granted, those funds will be used first before tapping into LSIF resources.

This precautionary measure is prompted by the recent revocation of LSTA agreements in three other states and the current lack of available funds to support federally funded staff, including compensation for accrued vacation time, in the event of a disruption or discontinuation of the FY2025 funding and agreement.

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 expenditures of up to \$300,000 be approved to cover personnel costs over the next two to three months from the Library Services Improvement Fund.

MSC: _____