

III. Federal Funds

C.iii. Grants – Creative Aging– Information item

The Creative Aging Grant supports an evidence-based approach that uses the arts to enhance the well-being, social connection, and quality of life of older adults. Open to public libraries, the \$2,000 grant funds a series of artist-led workshops designed specifically for older adult participants, running over six to eight weeks. Participating libraries will collaborate with organizations serving older adults, arts organizations, and teaching artists. The grant also aims to document the positive impact of hands-on creative experiences on older adults and build on the work of existing creative aging initiatives.

This is the first year of the grant program. The ICfL received 16 applications in FY25 and was able to fund 14 awards.

This year’s awards were made possible by funding from the Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF), the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and Arts Idaho.

That All May Read Grant Awards – FY25			
Library	Branch	Award Amount	Evaluation and Status
Ada Community Library	Star Branch	\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Coeur d’Alene Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Donnelly Public Library District		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Elk River Free Library District		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Garden City Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Garden Valley Free District Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Gooding Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Hagerman Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Idaho Falls Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved

Lewiston City Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Mackay Library District		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
McCall Public Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Nampa Public Library	Bookmobile	\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
Oneida County Library		\$2,000	Staff reviewed and approved
14 Creative Aging Grant Awards		\$28,000	