

III. Federal Fund

C.iv. Grants – Capital Projects Round 2 – Information item

The 2025 Facilities Improvement Grant will provide funding between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to public libraries for the construction, renovation, and repair of library facilities. The goal is to address pressing community needs while directly supporting work, education, and health monitoring activities.

This grant was open to libraries that received funding through the 2023 Facilities Improvement Grant cycle. Proposed projects are required to build upon, enhance, or expand the scope of previous grant-funded work, rather than simply covering budget shortfalls from the original project.

The ICfL received 10 applications for the second round of the Facilities Improvement Grant, with requests totaling \$380,000. A grant committee of ICfL staff members reviewed applications and made award decisions in April. The ICfL awarded grants to eight libraries, totaling \$176,893.02. Projects have a wide range in scope, budget, size, and geographical distribution.

The grant period runs from April 2025 to August 2026 or 90 days after the library completes its grant spending, whichever comes first.

Below is a summary of grant projects.

Grant Recipient and Project	Award Amount
Benewah County Free District Library Funding will be used for interior finishing materials, and both interior and exterior paint to complete the new library building, which replaces an existing structure that is no longer functional nor meets the needs of the community.	\$46,598.02
Clearwater County Free Library District Funding will be used to replace the library's front door to improve accessibility. The grant will also support the purchase of event chairs, tables, and tech room seating to maximize use of existing spaces.	\$5,000
Elk River Free Library District Funding will be used to pour concrete under the front and back porches, as well as to purchase and install an ADA electronic door opener. These improvements will enhance safe access to both the front and rear entrances of the library building.	\$6,000
Hailey Public Library Funding will support a four-person soundproof pod, creating a private space for meetings. The project repurposes underutilized areas to host educational, workforce development, and health-related meetings for the community.	\$16,995
Homedale Library District Funding will be used to improve accessibility and safety by sanding, refinishing, and restoring the library's linoleum floor; professionally painting	\$10,000

the interior; and installing a mini-split heat pump to enhance usability of library spaces during extreme weather.	
Prairie River Library District Funding will support the renovation of an existing space into the library's first public-use meeting room, designed to meet community needs while prioritizing access and safety. The project will also provide office equipment for the space.	\$50,000
South Bannock Library District Funding will be used to install storage cabinets throughout the library, increasing access to public and staff areas by freeing up space for programs and services.	\$37,300
Wilder Public Library District Funding will be used to enhance public programming spaces by adding a microwave, storage cabinets, and 12 mobile chairs, along with installing an electrical outlet for the microwave. These improvements will support the kitchen area used for public library programs and events.	\$5,000
Total	\$176,893.02