

# Capital Projects Fund State Fiscal Year 2025 Report

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025  
Idaho Commission for Libraries

## Program Overview

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) administers Idaho's 1C Multipurpose Community Facility Program under the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF). The CPF program aims to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options. Within the CPF program, funds provided to libraries are considered to be part of the Multi-Purpose Community Facility Project tier of awards. The assigned federal Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for the CPF is 21.029. The Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) for the award to the State of Idaho is CPFFN0170. The CPF was authorized by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021.

Program Plan CPF\_GP-000322

Period of Performance: March 2023 – December 2026

Funds Allocated to this Program: \$3,518,323

Program: Capital Projects Fund 1C Multipurpose Community Facilities

## Executive Summary

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), an agency of the State of Idaho, is expanding the capacity of community facilities by using Capital Project Fund (CPF) resources to award grants to libraries for expansions, remodels, and construction projects. With these funds the libraries will better serve their communities by jointly and directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring. During the reporting period, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the ICfL monitored 15 subawards, which were issued in August 2023. Ten of these projects are now complete and available to the public. In 2025, the ICfL opened an application for a second round of small subgrants to those who received the original grants. Eight subgrants were awarded in April 2025 and three projects are already complete and available to the public. During the reporting period, we also concluded the office hours series for the subrecipients.

## Use of Funds

The total budget allocated to Idaho's 1C Multi-Purpose Community Facility program is \$3,518,323. The bulk of the funds (\$3,435,693.02) are allocated for subgrants to libraries carrying out construction projects; these expenses are designated as *project* expenditures. In addition to the subgrant program, \$82,629.98 was allocated and used over the last two reporting years for administration of the program, which included providing technical assistance to grantees. These expenses are designated as *administrative* expenditures.

Cost Category	State FY2024 Actual (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	State FY2025 Actual (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	Anticipated State FY2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Anticipated State FY2027 (July 1, 2026 - Dec 31, 2026)	Total
<b>Administration Expenditures</b>					
Technical Assistance to Subrecipients	\$71,841.23	\$10,788.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,629.98
<b>Project Costs</b>					
Payments to Subrecipients for 1C Library Construction Projects	\$1,742,925.00	\$1,148,643.90	\$544,124.12	\$0.00	\$3,435,693.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,814,766.23</b>	<b>\$1,159,432.65</b>	<b>\$544,124.12</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,518,323.00</b>

During the reporting period, the Idaho Commission for Libraries spent \$10,788.75 on *administrative* expenses to complete a series of office hours offered to subrecipients. The series kicked off in the fall of 2023 after the Idaho Commission for Libraries contracted with Library Strategies to produce a series of eight webinars, 20 office-hour sessions, and a one-day in-person training for our library subrecipients. The focus of the series was construction in libraries. In addition to required participation by subrecipients, it was also open to the wider library community, including those that did not receive a Capital Projects Fund subaward. The webinars, in-person training, and most of the office hours were completed during the prior reporting year. The office hours concluded during this reporting year in August of 2024. There were 47 individual check-ins during the office hours, 123 in attendance across the eight webinars, and 26 in attendance at the in-person training. *Administrative* spending has now concluded for Idaho's 1C projects. When subrecipients were asked about the technical assistance provided through webinars, office hours, and in-person trainings, they overwhelmingly found them to be helpful. Several of their responses are listed in the following table.

<b>Did you find the programmatic resources provided to you by the ICfL to be helpful in the implementation of the grant (webinars, office hours, in-person training)? Would you suggest any additional resources?</b>
I found the webinars and office hours to be very informative. Not necessarily with just our project, but with lots of projects in general. If we were doing a bigger project the information was very helpful and the presenters touched on many aspects that could possibly be overlooked by those completing projects. They were very knowledgeable and more than willing to field questions and help in any way they could.
Yes, I found the webinars helpful and interesting.
The office hours were helpful as they were regularly scheduled, and I could join when I had a question or issue. Having access to others provided feedback from a variety of people helping to make a well rounded and informed decision on issues.
webinars were interesting
yes, thank you
I enjoyed the in-person training. I always appreciate being able to get out of the office and learn something new. I thought the webinars were also beneficial.
I did not get much out of the trainings.
Yes, the office hours and webinars were crucial to implementation. I also had lots of help from the ICfL. I have no suggestions, they thought of everything!
The information and resources provided answered many questions. It is very helpful if you have never been through a building renovation project.
The resources were great to help get things going. I have no suggestions.

*Project* spending involved disbursements to library subrecipients carrying out construction projects. During the reporting period, *project* spending totaled \$1,148,643.90. The ICfL monitored the subrecipients that were awarded subgrants in August 2023. The libraries made great progress and by the end of the reporting period ten out of the original 15 had completed their projects. The ICfL issued eight new subgrant awards in spring 2025. Of these new awards, three libraries completed their projects by the end of the reporting period. The libraries are located throughout the state in both rural and urban settings, with some offering the only publicly available space in their communities for people to access reading materials, community meeting spaces, private study rooms, and the internet. Opening the new and improved spaces benefits local communities immensely and these projects would not have been possible without the Capital Project Fund subgrants. The following table lists individual subgrants and the *project* spending associated with each grant.

Project Number	Library	Project Status	Award Amount	Total Disbursed
<b>2023 Awards</b>				
FACI2401	Bear Lake County Library	Completed	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
FACI2402	Benewah County Free Library District - Fernwood Branch	More than 50 percent complete	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
FACI2403	Burley Public Library	Less than 50 percent complete	\$500,000.00	\$185,473.90
FACI2404	Cascade Public Library	Completed	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
FACI2405	Clearwater Co Free Library District Weippe Public Library	Completed	\$107,000.00	\$107,000.00
FACI2406	Eagle Public Library	Completed	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
FACI2408	Emmett Public Library	Completed	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00
FACI2409	Garden City Public Library	Completed	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00
FACI2410	Hailey Public Library	More than 50 percent complete	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
FACI2411	Homedale Library District	Completed	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
FACI2412	Prairie River Library District - Lapwai Branch	More than 50 percent complete	\$200,000.00	\$75,000.00
FACI2413	South Bannock Library District - Inkom Branch	More than 50 percent complete	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
FACI2414	St. Maries Public Library	Completed	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
FACI2415	Wilder Public Library District	Completed	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
FACI2407	Elk River Free Library District	Completed	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
<b>2025 Awards</b>				
FACI2501	Benewah County Free Library District - Fernwood Branch - Grant 2	Not Started	\$46,598.02	\$0.00
FACI2502	Clearwater Co Free Library District Weippe Public Library - Grant 2	Less than 50 percent complete	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
FACI2503	Elk River Free Library District - Grant 2	Less than 50 percent complete	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
FACI2504	Hailey Public Library - Grant 2	Completed	\$16,995.00	\$16,995.00
FACI2505	Homedale Library District - Grant 2	Completed	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
FACI2506	Prairie River Library District - Lapwai Branch - Grant 2	Less than 50 percent complete	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
FACI2507	South Bannock Library District - Inkom Branch - Grant 2	Completed	\$37,300.00	\$37,300.00
FACI2508	Wilder Public Library District - Grant 2	Less than 50 percent complete	\$5,000.00	\$0.00

## Subgrant Projects Awarded in 2023

### **Bear Lake County Library - Grant FACI 24-01**

Bear Lake County Library was losing their main parking lot as the adjacent owner was selling the land. Additionally, their patrons could not access the library safely in the winter due to ice and snow build up resulting from roof runoff. With a lack of safe and reliable access to the building during the long winter months, the library applied for one of the Capital Project Fund Facilities Improvement Grants. With their award of \$4,800, the roof was modified to redirect runoff from snow and ice melting. The build-up is no longer on the main sidewalk and is maintainable with ice melt. Signage was installed to indicate ADA parking as well as library use parking.

### **Benewah County Free Library District - Grant FACI 24-02**

With an old building that was no longer functional or meeting the needs of the community, the library set out to build a new building that will serve the tri-community corridor of Fernwood, Santa, and Emida, Idaho. The library made great strides during the reporting period with their \$500,000 award. They held a groundbreaking ceremony in July 2024. Work proceeded and included site preparation; establishing water and sewer connections; installing cement footings; framing the walls; installing the electrical, plumbing, framing, windows, doors, HVAC, and roofing. At the end of June 2025, the exterior of the building was complete, and the contractor was planning for the next construction phases.



*The exterior of the Benewah County Free Library District.*



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### Burley Public Library – Grant FACI 24-03

The Burley Public Library is using their \$500,000 award to add a 1,900 square-foot addition and remodeling 600 square feet of existing space to create a community meeting space and two private study rooms. The library held a groundbreaking ceremony in March 2025 and have since completed the foundation and floor joists. The plumbing and sprinkler systems were partially installed by the end of the reporting period.



*Groundbreaking ceremony at the Burley Public Library.*



*The Burley Public Library addition in progress.*



*The Burley Public Library addition in progress.*

### Cascade Public Library – Grant FACI 24-04

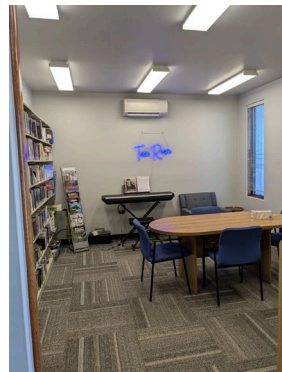
The Cascade Public Library added a 1,000 square-foot addition and remodeled a portion of the building to hold a large classroom/meeting room, children’s area, two ADA-accessible bathrooms, a storage space, and a new kitchen. With their award of \$500,000 they also updated a 1,500 square-foot outdoor space for outdoor programming. They completed their project at the end of January 2025.



*The new kitchen at the Cascade Public Library.*



*The new classroom / meeting room at the Cascade Public Library.*



*Teen/children's room at the Cascade Public Library.*



*Reimagined outdoor area at the Cascade Public Library.*

### **Clearwater County Free Library District, Weippe Library - Grant FACI 24-05**

The library used their \$107,000 award to complete several projects that enhance the accessibility and usability of the library and resources available for work, education, and health monitoring. With an unpaved parking area outside the lower level, getting to the building was a challenge, especially during the long winter months. The library paved the lower parking and access area with asphalt so that patrons can now more easily access the building. The interior and exterior Wi-Fi service was improved by installing a new access point on the lower level, as well as a direct network port. The library created two new exterior Wi-Fi hotspot bars on each end of the building under the covered roof on the wraparound deck. The library also upgraded the current railing system for safety and installed a 22kw generator to use during power outages.



*Preparing the area around the Weippe Public Library for asphalt application.*



*Paving the lower parking area at the Weippe Public Library.*



*Paving the lower parking area at the Weippe Public Library.*



*Preparing the area around the Weippe Public Library for asphalt application. Old railing still in place.*



*Railing detail at the Weippe Public Library.*



*Completed paving, generator, one WiFi bar, and new railing at the Weippe Public Library.*

### **Eagle Public Library – Grant FACI 24-06**

The Eagle Public Library installed ADA-compliant automatically opening doors for their restrooms and purchased additional seating to allow for full usage of existing spaces. They completed their \$15,000 grant project during the previous reporting period.

### **Elk River Free Library District – Grant FACI 24-07**

The completed \$43,000 project included the installation of 18-inch culverts and catch basins to create safe and dry access to the library during the winter and spring. This will prevent patrons from having to navigate ice and significant pooled water. It will also keep the interior of the library dry, which was previously an issue due to the pooling and high water table. A concrete ADA-accessible pathway was installed from the back porch to the parking lot and gazebo. A concrete pad was poured, and a gazebo was installed to make a useable outdoor meeting and workspace.



*The new gazebo and covered seating area outside the Elk River Free Library District. The newly paved sidewalk connects the parking area, gazebo, and back library entrance.*



*The paved sidewalk and gazebo at Elk River Free Library District.*

### **Emmett Public Library – Grant FACI 24-08**

The Emmett Public Library was awarded a \$53,000 grant to improve building access by removing the old entry door and installing a new electronic ADA-accessible front door and installing a gazebo to cover the holds locker and an outdoor seating area. The project was completed during the previous reporting year.

### **Garden City Public Library – Grant FACI 24-09**

The Garden City Public Library's award of \$92,000 was used to remodel an existing space to create two ADA-compliant private study/telehealth meeting spaces. While the library serves a city population of around 13,000 people, private rooms were never available to the community. With the grant funds, the library enclosed two study/work rooms with glass walls and doors. The rooms will be separated with an opaque wall. The rooms will include heating and cooling, along with a connection to the building's fire detection and suppression system.



*A new study room in the Garden City Public Library.*



*The second study room in the Garden City Public Library.*

### **Hailey Public Library – Grant FACI 24-10**

With a grant award of \$50,000, the Hailey Public Library plans to build an enclosed computer lab to facilitate improved use of computer and electronic resources. Additional seating, furniture and fixtures will also be installed to increase access and use. The library began construction in spring 2025 and anticipates completing the project in early fall 2025.

### **Homedale Library District – Grant FACI 24-11**

The Homedale Library District used their \$19,000 grant award to upgrade the electrical system in one of the buildings on the library property; the original 1921 library building, which was being used for storage. They also installed a free-standing storage shed and three units of new shelving to increase access to the collection.



*New shelving units at the Homedale Library District.*



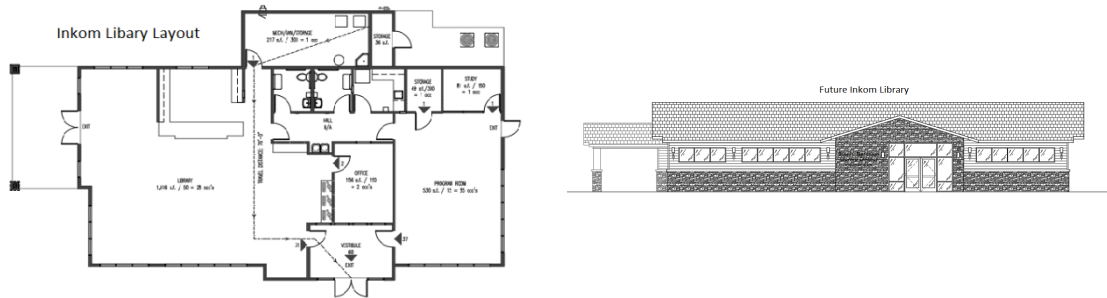
*New storage shed at the Homedale Library District*

**Prairie River Library District, Lapwai Branch – Grant FACI 24-12**

The Lapwai Branch of the Prairie River Library District was suffering from slumping and cracking along the back portion of the building. The condition became so severe as to cause the library to close that area of the building to access altogether. With their grant of \$200,000, the library contracted with an engineering firm and a local contractor that focuses on design-build projects. The final preliminary work was completed during the reporting period, and it was discovered that there were no footings under the slumping wall. This was corrected and the wall will be rebuilt. With the structure secured, the library will be able to reopen that portion of the building to the public.

**South Bannock Library District, Inkom Branch – Grant FACI 24-13**

The town of Inkom is getting a new library branch with the South Bannock Library District’s \$500,000 grant. The town previously only had access to a bookmobile service and is situated in an area with a rapidly growing population. The library broke ground in July 2024 and has made strides toward their anticipated October 1, 2025, grand opening. The library district was able to secure additional funds from a voter-approved plant facilities levy that passed in May 2024.



*Architectural plans for the new Inkom library.*

**St. Maries Public Library –Grant FACI 24-14**

The St. Maries Public Library was awarded \$500,000 to enclose a 1,300-square foot open-air daylight basement that will be used as meeting space and include an ADA-compliant restroom and teaching kitchen. The construction for the project is concluded and once the final payment to the contractor is made, the project will be complete. The space is currently available to the public and already receiving use.



*The completed expansion of the St. Maries Public Library building, as seen from the exterior.*



*The new meeting room at St. Maries Public Library.*



*The new meeting room at St. Maries Public Library.*



*The exterior of the St. Maries Public Library building during its 2024 expansion.*



*The interior of the St. Maries Public Library building during construction.*



*The interior of the St. Maries Public Library building during construction.*

### **Wilder Public Library District – Grant FACI 24-15**

The Wilder Public Library completed their \$175,000 grant project. It consisted of updating an old meeting/program room, new framing for the cinder block walls, drywall, electrical, wiring, and cables. The restroom was brought into ADA compliance with a wider doorway, and new walls, paint, floor, toilet, and sink. An old furnace was replaced with a new energy-efficient unit. A foyer entrance to the building was constructed to allow easier access to the program/meeting room.

A push-button door was installed in the new foyer to allow for better accessibility. A new outside meeting/program area was also constructed.



*The new foyer entrance to the Wilder Public Library.*



*The new foyer entrance to the Wilder Public Library.*



*The new ADA-accessible restroom at the Wilder Public Library.*



*The updated classroom / meeting room at the Wilder Public Library.*



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### Library Subrecipient Feedback for the CPF Program

For libraries with completed projects, their communities are already benefiting. When asked to describe a success story from their project, libraries shared the comments listed in following table.

Describe a success story from your project. Are there any other important project outcomes or findings you would like to share?
The new parking area has allowed for patrons to park closer to the building without having to park in the street or down the block, thus keeping kids from having to cross the street when coming to the library.
Everyone that comes to the library are so amazed at how well the addition turned out. Our foot traffic has increased since we opened the addition for use.
Sometimes it's the little things that are most satisfying. Getting our lower parking lot paved to improve access to the basement is a success in my book. Seeing an elderly lady in a wheelchair being able to easily enter the building weekly for a Ladies Bible study group, as well as others that prefer not to use the steps is our way of meeting the needs of our community. Providing the outside Wi-Fi bars with electrical outlets is another success story. A... lady would come daily for several hours to sit outside with her dog to have internet access and charge her devices. I even saw her bring her coffee pot to plug in and have coffee while sitting there.
The most visible success from the project is that children, older adults, and those needing assistance opening the restroom doors are able to easily access the restrooms because of the automatic door openers.
The project scope originally included the entrance door and patio covering. As we began with the external door replacement, it was brought up that our interior doors, dated back to 1973, could possibly be replaced by the exterior doors. This made a lot of sense to us and the library set plans in place to make that happen. With donation of our Friends of the Library we were able to complete this project. Updating yet another area, making our library easier to access for all.

<p>In terms of assisting the community, I am thrilled patrons are finding benefit in the study rooms so quickly. To have 38 uses in the first 10 days is quite the success story. We have had a dad who recently started working from home and was thrilled to find a space for some alone time. We have had a tutor who was excited to be able to schedule tutor sessions more easily. We have had a nervous patron walk in with a zoom meeting about to start and we were able to get them in a room and on our Wi-Fi before they were late.</p> <p>In terms of assisting staff, I am thrilled we are able to say yes to patrons when they call asking for study rooms. It is not fun to have to go to work and tell people you cannot help them. It chips away at your sense of purpose and lessens your quality of life at work.</p>
<p>We have received a lot of positive feedback from the public about our new community room. It is now used twice a week by WIC (Women, Infant, and Children). We use it for our youth programs and to hold various adult classes including a weekly Dave Ramsey class. Additionally, someone rents it out almost every other day of the week. It has been a great asset to our community.</p>
<p>I have received so many kind words on how beautiful the new building is and how excited they are to have a library in their town. We are very excited to bring programming as well as books to the... library. These will include story times for young children and game days and Friday fun labs for older kids. We will have our Forever Friends group that has presentations for technology education, healthcare related sessions and other presentations for our adult patrons.</p>
<p>There have been many success stories already. Patrons have all been incredibly happy and excited about the newly renovated space. Before the renovation, the library was limited to how many programs it was able to do. We are now able to do programs and classes in the remodeled program/meeting room. The new push button handicap door has helped our disabled patrons and those who have trouble with mobility. The new renovation has pulled the library together in a positive way. With the renovated spaces the library will be able to give the community access to work, education, and health monitoring services. There is so much to look forward to in using this newly renovated space.</p>
<p>The building has not been done for more than a few weeks and we have already had Health and Welfare use it to meet with some clients... we have had a patron use it take a test, the library is currently using it for our Summer Reading 'store', and we have a crochet class and a Book Club scheduled to use it in the next week. My next plan is to start the process to use the building for telehealth appointments for people in our community.</p>

Libraries also learned a great deal during the construction process. Listed in the following table are several of the responses when we asked about their most significant lessons learned.

<p><b>Explain one or two of the most significant lessons learned for others wanting to complete a similar project.</b></p>
<p>When it comes to snow runoff, it is hard to predict exactly where the issues might be and more time to research prior would have been helpful. If you have time to give your project plenty of research, do the research. See what other have done and explore many possible options. However, some projects are needed quickly to solve an immediate problem. Also, budget a little extra for other issues that arise while completing your project.</p>

<p>The next time I do a project this size, I would include a penalty on the main contractor on every day or week that they don't start work the day they said they would and deduct money when the contractor changes the completion date. In addition, I would also make a detailed list of what finish products they are going to install.</p>
<p>As with my original building project 20 years ago, the same holds true today, "timelines are meant to be broken." I learned not to get too stressed out about not meeting an original timeline. You need to be flexible and work with contractors and suppliers, some things are out of their control as well.</p>
<p>Look around at your facility. Where are people having difficulty accessing a part of the building or service. If you can identify the problem, it's probably fixable.</p>
<p>Keep an open mind. Know your supporters in the community. Always have time to talk about the project outcomes and needs.</p>
<p>The most important lesson I learned was to hire a construction company for projects of this size. One might think they can save some money and manage the project themselves, but that is not the case. The amount of the moving parts in this project was astronomical. Even the construction lead, a seasoned veteran, said that the amount of management needed for these two small rooms was surprising. If we had not had his expertise and connections in the industry this project probably would not have happened.</p>
<p>My biggest lesson learned was I did not figure in near enough money for the costs of labor for each project. The library budget had to cover more than I had planned on.</p>
<p>I think an important lesson I learned was to be in almost constant communication with the construction company, this way things are not easily missed. Also make sure to check and recheck orders made from a 3rd party for you, possibly getting another qualified individual to look it over for you. We had some issues with the company hired to do our internet install.</p>
<p>We did have a Board that was committed to the project which helped us successfully get through the project. There were still important decisions to be made because the cost of construction is extremely expensive at this time. Although the library has been through several major remodeling phases in this building with building plans, it took some time to get all the non-construction things required before construction started. There were a few challenges with costs and getting started, but once construction started things went smoothly. There are going to be challenges along the way, but commitment to the project will ensure that things are completed.</p>
<p>My biggest lesson is that people are very generous! Our handyman gave me a discount on laying the floor, and we did not have to pay for the painting of the inside of the building, due to being a library. So, we had a little extra funds to furnish the building for future uses - such as getting the stackable chairs and folding table.</p>
<p>One thing I have learned from this project is to have some flexibility on timelines and stay in constant communication with the companies working for you. I now realize that construction timelines are very fluid and can change for better or worse, depending on the issue at hand, such as weather and subcontractors' other jobs they are currently working on.</p>

## Subgrants Awarded in 2025

The Idaho Commission for Libraries opened a second round of Capital Projects Fund subgrant funding to Idaho libraries from February 1 – March 15, 2025. The application was opened to libraries that received an award during the first round of funding in 2023. Applicants could request funding amounts between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for projects that built upon, expanded the scope, or enhanced the original projects, rather than covering budget shortfalls from the original project. Ten libraries applied requesting a total of \$380,000. A review committee consisting of five ICfL staff members read and scored the applications. A scoring rubric was used that factored in demonstrated need; project quality; risk and feasibility; and project access and sustainability. The review committee made award decisions in April. Eight awards totaling \$176,893.02 were issued. Below is a summary of grant project descriptions and progress.

- **Benewah County Free District Library, Fernwood Branch – FACI 25-01**

Funding in the amount of \$46,598.02 will be used for interior door, trim, finishes, flooring, cabinetry and both interior and exterior paint to complete the new library building that replaces an existing structure that is no longer functional nor meets the needs of the community.

The project is still in the planning phase and is anticipated to begin soon, with completion planned during the remaining summer months.

- **Clearwater County Free Library District – Grant FACI 25-02**

The library will use their \$5,000 award 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.

The library is working with the contractor on a new door design. The current door requires patrons to push a button then pull on the door to open it, creating challenges for many who end up needing assistance. After a design is finalized, installation will begin.

- **Elk River Free Library District – Grant FACI 25-03**

Funding in the amount of \$6,000 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.

The library met with the contractor who will excavate and remove the existing asphalt under the front porch roof, where the concrete will be poured. The next step will be setting a date. The library also purchased the automatic door opening system. Next, they will purchase the door and threshold and move forward with installation.

- **Hailey Public Library – Grant FACI 25-04**

The Hailey Public Library used their \$16,995 award to build 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. The project was completed by the end of the reporting period, June 30, 2025.

- **Homedale Library District – Grant FACI 25-05**  
 The library used their \$10,000 award to improve accessibility and safety by sanding, refinishing, and restoring the library’s linoleum floor; professionally painting the interior; and installing a mini-split heat pump to enhance usability of library spaces during extreme weather. The project was completed by the end of the reporting period, June 30, 2025.
- **Prairie River Library District, Lapwai Branch– Grant FACI 25-06**  
 The library was awarded \$50,000 to 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.  
 The library is working with a contractor on the initial phase of the design/build project. The space is currently used for storage and temporary staff offices while repairs are made to the back portion of the building. Once staff are able to pack and move out of the space, construction will begin.
- **South Bannock Library District, Inkom Branch – Grant FACI 25-07**  
 Funding in the amount of \$37,300 will be used to install storage cabinets throughout the library, increasing access to public and staff areas for programs and services. The project was completed by the end of the reporting period, June 30, 2025, and will be available to the public after the library’s grand opening, tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2025.
- **Wilder Public Library District – Grant FACI 25-08**  
 The Wilder library will use \$5,000 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.  
 The library has selected a contractor for the microwave installation. Chairs and storage cabinets have also been selected. The library will wait until summer reading concludes in mid-July before ordering and assembling.

## Addressing Critical Needs

The ICfL is addressing critical needs through the Facilities Improvement Grant subaward program. Applicants to the program were asked to demonstrate that there was a critical need in their community and that their projects would be addressing that need. The program application defined a critical need in the following way:

Communities with a critical need for the project include those that do not currently have access to the resources or services that would be provided by the proposed project, whether because of the physical absence or insufficiency within the community, or

because access to the resources/services are not affordable, resulting in impediments to participation in work, education, and health monitoring.

The funded grant projects will improve access for people in Idaho. Libraries receiving the grant demonstrated through their applications that their communities had (1) needs brought about by, exacerbated by, or made apparent by the COVID pandemic and (2) a lack of resources in community related to work, education, health, or related services. They also described how their library facilities were not currently able to meet those critical needs due to facilities that are limited in size, scope, or functionality. Additionally, they successfully demonstrated that their proposed projects would help meet the stated needs of their communities.

While many projects are still currently underway, we anticipate positive outcomes for Idaho's communities when the new library facilities become available to the public.

## Labor

Multipurpose community facility projects in Idaho are following the U.S. Department of the Treasury's guidance by hiring local labor. Most of the projects are small enough in scale that local labor and contractors are the most practical and cost-effective sources for completing projects.

The ICfL grant agreement signed by subrecipients included the following text communicating the U.S. Department of the Treasury's preferences for labor practices:

Strong Labor Practices in Construction - Guidance from US Department of the Treasury. It is important that investments in capital projects be carried out in ways that produce high quality infrastructure, avert disruptive and costly delays, and promote efficiency. Projects funded by the Capital Projects Fund must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, and with all requirements for state, local, and Tribal laws and ordinances to the extent that such requirements do not conflict with federal laws.

While the federal Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage rate requirements do not apply to projects funded solely by the Capital Projects Fund program, except for Capital Projects Fund-funded construction projects undertaken by the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of the Treasury encourages recipients to ensure that capital projects incorporate strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions, not only to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality infrastructure projects but also to support the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. Using these practices in construction projects may help to ensure a reliable supply of skilled labor that would minimize disruptions, such as those associated with labor disputes or workplace injuries. Treasury further encourages recipients to prioritize employers (including contractors and subcontractors)

without recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws as a further measure that may minimize project disruptions and delays.

Among other requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. 200, Appendix II, all contracts made by a subrecipient in excess of \$100,000 that involve employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with certain provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

Further, the U.S. Department of the Treasury encourages recipients to prioritize in their procurement decisions employers who can demonstrate:

- Their workforce meets high safety and training standards, including professional certification, licensure and/or robust in-house training;
- Prioritization in hiring of local workers and/or workers from historically disadvantaged communities;
- Direct employment of their workforce, or policies and practices in place to ensure contractors and subcontractors meet high labor standards; and
- No recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws.

## Community Engagement

The ICfL has regular contact with public library directors, boards, and staff and continuously monitor needs in the community. Additionally, library statistics are collected every year from Idaho's libraries, giving a snapshot of the library landscape and the communities served across the state.

When the ICfL Facilities Improvement Grant application opened as part of this program, the initial requests totaled over \$16 million. With less than \$3.5 awarded in 2023 and just over \$175,000 awarded in 2025, there is still an unmet need within the state for increased and improved spaces and services.

## Civil Rights Compliance

The ICfL is in compliance with the legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of federal funds. Subrecipients receiving Capital Projects Funds were required to agree that they were also in compliance with the civil rights laws listed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as part of the CPF program.