

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

The Idaho Commission for Libraries seeks Board approval to utilize Library Services Improvement Funds (LSIF) for the Bucks for Books program:

Bucks for Books: For the seventh 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 2025-2026 school year.

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. Monies 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 from the Library Services Improvement Fund.

MSC: _____