

**IV. General (state funds), Miscellaneous Revenue, and Library Services Improvement Fund**  
**Ci. Grants – Kindergarten Readiness Grant Awards**

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries' (ICfL) Kindergarten Readiness Grant program has three goals:

1. Ensure that more Idaho families with pre-kindergarten children have public library cards to gain access to the tools and resources needed to help children succeed in school, especially for families with limited access to preschool programming or who are not regular library users.
2. Increase the amount of early literacy activities done in the homes of pre-kindergarten children across the state.
3. Increase the number of successful public library, school, and community partnerships that increase third grade reading proficiency by focusing on pre-kindergarten experiences, especially for underserved children.

The ICfL offered two grant options:

- **Kindergarten Readiness Standard Grants** of up to \$10,000 – For libraries that have never received a Kindergarten Readiness Grant through the ICfL OR libraries proposing an entirely new Kindergarten Readiness Grant project.
- **Kindergarten Ready-Set-Go Mini-Grants** of \$1,000 to \$5,000 – To fund the continuation of a current or past project previously funded through a Kindergarten Readiness Grant from the ICfL, or to use a “Best Practices” model. Best practice models are proven and evaluated models that support early learning and school readiness.

Partnership with the school district and/or other community organizations is required for all grant projects. Projects must include a tool to measure the success and impact of the activities. ICfL staff meet with each grant recipient at least once during the fall to help ensure projects meet best practices standards, measurement tool(s) are sound, and budgets are reasonable and accurate.

The ICfL received 15 applications requesting \$84,000 this grant cycle and was able to fund all of them.

**Kindergarten Readiness Standard Applications**

- Consolidated Free Library District (CLN), \$10,000
- Patricia Romanko Public Library, \$4,000

**Kindergarten Ready-Set-Go Applications**

- Kuna Library District, \$10,000
- Ada Community Free Library District – Connect Branch, \$7,500
- Aberdeen District Library District, \$5,000

- Ada Community Library - Star Branch, \$5,000
- American Falls District Library, \$5,000
- Bonneville County Library District – Iona/Westside Branch, \$5,000
- Bonneville County Library District – Ucon Branch, \$5,000
- Bear Lake County Library, \$5,000
- Gooding Public Library District, \$5,000
- Franklin County/Larsen-Sant, \$5,000
- Jefferson Free Library District- Menan Annis Grant Public Library, \$5,000
- Valley of the Tetons Library, \$5,000
- Benewah County Free Library District – Tri-Community,

