Idaho Commissions for Libraries
FY 2023 Budget Hearing
February 7, 2022

Legislative Budget Book, 5-61
Agency Summary & Statutory Authority
The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) assists in statewide library development and provides continuing education and consultant services to the library community. Idaho's library community consists of 147 public libraries as well as school and academic libraries. ICfL also coordinates various statewide programs, administers grants, advocates for library services, and facilitates planning for library development. Statutory authority begins at Section 33-2501, Idaho Code.

Agency Mission
- Ensure access to information and reading materials for Idahoans
- Support 850 libraries across the state
- Manage the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance
- Provide the Talking Book Service
- Provide Telehealth services

Budget Highlights
- Authorized 37.50 FTP for FY 2022
- FY 2021 non-cognizable for $2.1M
- FY 2022 Line items
  - E-Book Alliance
  - Local library grants

Appropriations and Expenditures

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
Agency Presentation
Idaho Libraries
- keep students learning
- Keep adults earning
- improve health & well-being of Idahoans

Libraries/Partners Support
- educational and employment needs of their communities
  - Dept. of Labor works with 17 libraries as part of its mobile service delivery model
Libraries as Telehealth Sites

Pilot in Clearwater County libraries -- providing access to healthcare otherwise unavailable in remote areas
Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance
Statewide K-12 E-Books and Audio Titles
$307,000 (about $1 per Idaho student)

- nearly every public library & 55+ school districts are connected to IDEA
- provided at no cost to libraries/school districts
- +22,000 e-books / e-audio available 24/7
EOR  Education Opportunity Resource Act
Broadband Reimbursement
+ $40,000 to $232,600
would ensure sufficient reimbursement funds for public libraries' portion of their broadband costs (not covered by E-rate)
Authority to shift a small portion of ongoing federal funds to personnel and T&B using our existing funds

Decision Unit 3 & 4:
$50,000 to personnel
$30,000 to T&B for subgrants to local libraries
Digital Training and Programming
Decision Unit 5 -- $98,100 ARPA Funding

- continued support of digital access, early literacy services, & other outreach programs for vulnerable populations

- Funds need to be spent by September 30, 2022
Telehealth at Libraries
Decision Unit 6 -- $3.5 million in one-time funds

- to improve public library buildings to enable work, education, and health monitoring in communities with critical needs

- 23 more telehealth sites
Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan
Decision Unit 47 -- $1.25 million IIJA Funding

- to lead planning efforts with state, local, and community stakeholders to develop a plan to ensure Idahoans can use reliable, high-speed internet

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
OITS Consolidation
Reduction of 1.00 FTP

As part of the Governor's initiative to consolidate, streamline, and improve information technology operations, this request accounts for a 1.00 FTP reduction of ICfL information technology staff.

Carryover authority for IMLS/ARPA funds.
gives K-12 students better access to reading materials and builds a love of reading/learning

gives more Idahoans access to digital resources