

IDAHO CAREER READY STUDENTS PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report



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BACKGROUND

Idaho Code §33-2214 establishes the Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) Program to create additional opportunities for career technical education programs across Idaho that are responsive to community, and statewide workforce needs while preparing Idaho secondary students in grades 7 through 12 for careers after graduation.

Administered through the State Department of Education, the ICRS fund consists of legislative appropriations, interest earned on idle money, and contributions from other sources, such as donations or gifts.

Program proposals are granted by the eleven-member Idaho Career Ready Students Program Council, chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Council determines eligible expenses for the program, including but not limited to capital costs associated with building programming and initial investments for partnerships between local education agencies, local industry, and, as practicable, community colleges to create apprenticeships or local pathways. Furthermore, the Council is responsible for establishing the program's outcome measures.

Idaho Career Ready Students Program Council Membership

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, **Council Chair**

Joshua Whitworth, State Administrator, **Division of Career Technical Education**

Lex Godfrey, Secondary CTE Instructor, **Career Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI)**

Brandy Funk, Secondary CTE Instructor, **Career Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI)**

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Robb Bloem, **Representing Industry**

Dana Kirkham, **Representing Industry**

Angelique Rood, **Representing Industry**

Marie Price, **Idaho Workforce Development Council**

Rep. Judy Boyle, District 9, **Idaho House of Representatives**

Sen. Kevin Cook, District 32, **Idaho Senate**

ABOUT THE REPORT

The Idaho Career Ready Students Program was established during the 2023 legislative session and awards grants to local education agencies for proposals responsive to community and statewide workforce needs. This report provides funding for the program's administration during the fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024).

FY2024 PROGRAM TOTALS

The legislature appropriated \$45,000,000 for the Idaho Career Ready Students program for FY2024. The Council received 150 proposals exceeding \$138,670,168 in requests. During this period, they met four times to review grant proposals and awarded 58 proposals totaling \$43,966,200. Proposals were submitted from each of Idaho’s six educational regions and fell under one of three categories.

Capital Projects:

Costs associated with building programming and construction.

Existing Programs:

Capital expenditure to upgrade and expand existing CTE programs.

New Programs:

Initial investments to develop CTE programs specific to local, regional, and job market needs.

Grant Awards by Educational Region

	No. of Proposals Received	No. of Proposals Granted	Total Grant Amount	% of Total Program Awards
Region 1	17	5	\$2,628,290	6%
Region 2	23	11	\$4,377,136	10%
Region 3	33	13	\$5,659,084	13%
Region 4	24	9	\$8,913,041	20%
Region 5	25	11	\$9,321,327	21%
Region 6	26	9	\$13,067,322	30%
Online	2	0	\$0	0%

Grant Awards by Category

	No. of Proposals Received	No. of Proposals Granted	Total Grant Amount	% of Total Program Awards
Capital Projects	56	27	\$38,584,154	88%
Existing Programs	62	24	\$1,320,188	3%
New Programs	32	7	\$4,061,858	9%

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Idaho Career Ready Students grant awards are reimbursement-based. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) may purchase expenditures approved by the ICRS Council and submit a district-issued invoice or purchase order for payment. Funds are administered through the State Department of Education, and any unused portion of a grant award is returned to the program fund upon project completion.

Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, the State Department of Education received 56 payment requests totaling \$6,861,466. Carry-over authority for the FY2024 fund balance was authorized for the FY2025 budget.

<i>July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024</i>	Budget	Actual
<i>Legislative Appropriation</i>	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
<i>Interest Earned</i>		\$726,273
<i>Reverted Funds</i>		\$4,298
<i>Expenditures</i>	(\$43,966,200)*	(\$6,861,466)**
<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$1,033,800	\$38,869,105

*Obligated grant awards for FY2024

**Reimbursements issued for FY2024

PROGRAM OUTCOME MEASURES

Idaho Code §33-2214 establishes that the Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) Council determines the program's outcome measures. The Council met on May 22, 2024, to finalize the regional and statewide ICRS program outcomes.

Individualized program outcomes will be self-reported, including metrics and outcomes specific to that program. The ICRS program outcomes will include existing statewide and regional data points collected by the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education. All metrics will be measured as a percentage. Reporting of these metrics will begin in FY2025.

ICRS Program Outcomes

Regional

- Number of students enrolling in secondary CTE courses year over year.
- Increased TSA/WRA scores year over year.
- Increased CTE Diplomas issued aligned with in-demand careers.
- Decreased unemployment rates for ages 18-21 years.

Statewide

- Number of students enrolling in secondary CTE courses year over year.
- Increased TSA/WRA scores year over year.
- Increased CTE Diplomas issued aligned with in-demand careers.
- Increased CTE Instructor Retention Rates.