

IV. Federal Fund

C. Grants – Continuing Education Grant Awards – Information item

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Continuing Education Grant applications from April 15, 2024, to June 5, 2024

Libraries apply on a continuous basis for Continuing Education Grants funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) dollars. CE activities must support an identified need that is consistent with one of the following goals:

- Fund continuing education opportunities to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and advance the delivery of library and information services.
- Fund continuing education activities in the areas of first-time conference attendance, library science course enrollment, leadership development courses, and group training activities.
- Build the institutional capacity of libraries to best serve their communities.

Grant award amounts are based on the estimated expenses submitted in an application. Funds – up to the amount of the award – are disbursed after the continuing education activity is completed and receipts are submitted. The total awarded will typically exceed the total disbursed.

Each year, a handful of grant recipients choose to cancel an award because they are unable to attend their event or take their course. The funds for cancelled awards are not disbursed, and the grant amount is subtracted from the total awarded to all recipients for the fiscal year. Recipients who cancel their awards are encouraged to apply again in the future.

Continuing Education Grant Applicant and Project	LSTA Request	Evaluation and Status
Burley Public Library – CE 24-39 Group Training Activity Graphic Novel Literacy and Appreciation Benefits Library Staff and Educators from the Cassia School District Tayce Robinson	\$675	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-05 First-Time Conference Attendance American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition 2024 Melissa Hadden	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Lewiston City Library – CE 25-06 First-Time Conference Attendance American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition 2024 Darin Garr	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-07 Library Science Course Emporia State University courses Jane Olsen	\$1,250	Staff reviewed and approved

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Meridian Library District – CE 25-08 Library Science Course Emporia State University courses Jennifer Tiedtke	\$1,209	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-09 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Library Service to Children National Institute Gabrielle Stoller	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-10 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Library Service to Children National Institute Angie Counsell	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Caldwell Public Library – CE 25-11 First-Time Conference Attendance Alaska Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association Joint Conference 2024 Lacey Forst	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Caldwell Public Library – CE 25-12 First-Time Conference Attendance Alaska Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association Joint Conference 2024 Laure Hershman	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Coeur d’Alene High School Library – CE 25-13 First-Time Conference Attendance ISTELive 24 (International Society for Technology in Education annual conference) Kiersten Kerr	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-14 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Library Service to Children National Institute Nicole Gillihan	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – CE 25-15 Library Science Course Valdosta State University course Emily Johnson	\$708	Staff reviewed and approved
College of Southern Idaho Library – CE 25-16 First-Time Conference Attendance Alaska Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association Joint Conference 2024 Miranda Buren	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Cascade Public Library – CE 25-17 Library Science Course University of Alabama course Maria Guest	\$990	Staff reviewed and approved

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Homedale Library District – CE 25-18 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference Sharla Jensen	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Caldwell Public Library - CE 25-19 First-Time Conference Attendance American Library Association Annual Conference Karla Ayala	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Lewiston City Library First-Time Conference Attendance Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Conference Bradley Glover	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
17 CE Grants awarded since 4/15/2024	\$18,332	
Total CE grant budget for FY24 – \$7,000 added February 2024	\$52,000	
Total CE Grants awarded for FY24 (cancelled grants subtracted)	\$45,694.85	39 grants
FY24 CE Grants cancelled by recipients (unable to attend event)	\$3,825	4 grants
Remaining FY24 budget available to award (too close to end of FY)	\$0	
Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY24	\$33,747.49	30 grants
Total CE Grants awarded for FY25 (will be disbursed in FY25)	\$21,032.00	16 grants
FY25 CE Grants cancelled by recipients (unable to attend event)	\$1,125	1 grant
Breakdown of FY24 Awarded Continuing Education Grants (Cancelled awards removed from totals)	Amount	Percentage of Total Awards
First-Time Conference Grants	\$19,788.85	43%
Library Science Course Grants	\$10,398	23%
Group Training Grants	\$13,906	30%
Leadership Development Grants	\$1,602	4%
Breakdown of FY25 Awarded Continuing Education Grants (Cancelled awards removed from totals)	Amount	Percentage of Total Awards
First-Time Conference Grants	\$16,875	80%
Library Science Course Grants	\$4,157	20%
Group Training Grants	\$0	0%
Leadership Development Grants	\$0	0%