

### III. Federal Fund

#### C.i. Grants – Continuing Education Grant Awards – Information Item

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Libraries apply on a continuous basis for Continuing Education Grants. This fiscal year, CE Grants are funded with both Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Library Services Improvement Fund (LSIF) 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 Awards

The ICfL reviewed and approved the following grants between December 6, 2024, and February 10, 2025:

- Meridian Library District – CE 25-56  
\$1,125 First-Time Conference Attendance Grant  
American Library Association LibLearnX (Library Learning Experience)  
Vassil Ivanov
- Cascade Public Library – CE 25-57  
\$990 Library Science Course Grant  
University of Alabama course  
Maria Guest
- Meridian Library District – Cherry Lane – CE 25-58  
\$1,250 Library Science Course Grant  
Emporia State University courses  
Robert Meier
- Meridian Library District – CE 25-59  
\$1,250 Library Science Course Grant  
Emporia State University courses

Jennifer Tiedtke

- Ada Community Library – CE 25-60  
\$800 Library Science Course Grant  
University of Maine at Augusta courses  
Rikki Hamilton
- Ada Community Library – CE 25-61  
\$1,006.50 Library Science Course Grant  
Valdosta State University course  
Julie Archambeault

**Total: 6 CE Grants, \$6,421.50**

**CE Grant Budget Summary**

- Total CE Grant budget for FY25 \$65,000
- Total CE Grants awarded for FY25 \$58,943.15 (61 grants)  
(5 cancelled grants subtracted)
- FY24 CE Grant carry forward \$675 (1 grant)
- Remaining FY25 budget available \$5,381.85
- Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY25 \$39,014.52 (38 grants)

**Breakdown of FY25 Awarded Continuing Education Grants**

(Cancelled awards removed from totals)

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| • First-Time Conference Grants  | \$41,359.40 | 70% |
| • Library Science Course Grants | \$15,413.50 | 26% |
| • Group Training Grants         | \$0         | 0%  |
| • Leadership Development Grants | \$2,170.25  | 4%  |