

### III. Federal Fund

#### C. 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 to meet 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 approved six grants between June 5, 2025, and July 22, 2025.

- McCall Public Library, CE 26-01, First-Time Conference Attendance, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Casey Bruck - \$500 – Staff reviewed and approved
- College of Southern Idaho, CE 26-02, First-Time Conference Attendance, Digipalooza 2025, Allison Beard - \$1,125 – Staff reviewed and approved
- St. Maries Public Library, CE 26-04, First-Time Conference Attendance, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Pinky Humphrey - \$1,125 – Staff reviewed and approved
- College of Southern Idaho, CE-26-05, First-Time Conference Attendance, Library Freedom Institute, Ross Sempek - \$786.47 - Staff reviewed and approved
- East Bonner County Library District, CE 26-06, First-Time Conference Attendance, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Danielle Largesse - \$1,125 – Staff reviewed and approved
- East Bonner County Library District, CE 26-07, First-Time Conference Attendance, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Melissa Mankogvanichkul - \$1,125 – Staff reviewed and approved

**CE Grant Budget Summary**

• Total CE Grant budget for FY26	\$50,000
• Total CE Grants awarded for FY26	\$5,786.47 (6 grants)
• FY25 CE Grant carry forward	\$1,125
• Remaining FY26 budget available	\$43,088.53
• Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY26	\$1,125 (1 grant)

**Breakdown of FY26 Awarded Continuing Education Grants**

(Cancelled awards removed from totals)

• First-Time Conference Grants (100%)	\$5,786.47
• Library Science Course Grants (0%)	
• Group Training Grants (0%)	
• Leadership Development Grants (0%)	