

III. Federal Fund

C. Grants – Continuing Education Grant Awards

Libraries apply on a continuous basis for Continuing Education (CE) Grants. CE Grants are funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) 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 staff reviewed and approved 18 first-time conference attendance grants, one grant in support of formal library education, and one leadership development grant between July 23, 2025 and October 6, 2025.

- Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Rayna Haws - \$1,125
- Patricia Romanko Public Library in Parma, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference 2025, Sharlene McCaslin - \$1,125
- Jerome High School, Library Science Course, University of Idaho course, Julie Davenport - \$450
- Latah County Library District, Leadership Development, Leadership Moscow, Katie Bouchard - \$731
- Donnelly Public Library District, The Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services Conference 2025, Sherry Scheline - \$1,125
- East Bonner County Library District, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Rhela Leen - \$1,125
- Nampa Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Julez Mirabal - \$880.20
- Nampa Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Elisabeth Laird - \$912.64

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- Valley of the Tetons Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Savannah Wake - \$603.60
- Coeur d'Alene Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Elissa Corless - \$1,076.98
- West Ada School District, The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NTCE (ALAN) Workshop 2025, Laura Knuston - \$1,125
- Valley of the Tetons Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Jenny Van Winkle - \$628.60
- Nampa Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Alexis O'Brien - \$912.64
- Valley of the Tetons Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Ann Woodbury - \$628.60
- Nampa Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Kayla Smith - \$880.20
- Nampa Public Library, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, Jared Tolman – \$912.64
- Caldwell Public Library, 2025 Mountain Plains Library Association ND SD Tri-Conference, Laure Hershman - \$1,125
- Owyhee High School, National Council of Teachers of English 2025 Annual Convention, Melissa Yaka - \$1,125
- Latah County Library District, Idaho Library Association Conference 2025, April Hernandez - \$1,125

CE Grant Budget Summary

- Total CE Grant budget for FY26 \$50,000
- Total CE Grants awarded for FY26 \$22,278.57 (25 grants, minus 3 canceled grants)
- FY25 CE Grant carry forward \$1,125
- Remaining FY26 budget available \$26,596.43
- Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY26 \$1,911.47 (2 grants)

Breakdown of FY26 Awarded Continuing Education Grants

(Cancelled awards removed from totals)

- First-Time Conference Grants (94.7%) \$21,097.57
- Library Science Course Grants (2.0%) \$450.00
- Group Training Grants (0%) \$0.00
- Leadership Development Grants (3.3%) \$731.00