

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 four first-time conference attendance grants and four library science course grants between December 12, 2025 and February 11, 2026.

- Ada Community Library, Valdosta State University Library Science Course, Julie Archambault - \$937.50
- Hailey Public Library, Valdosta State University Library Science Course, Lahela Maxwell - \$1,250.00
- College of Western Idaho, Emporia State University Library Science Course, Fanny Wilson - \$1,250.00
- West Ada School District, StoryCon 2026, Amy Armstrong - \$671.21
- West Ada School District, StoryCon 2026, Christie Nichols - \$916.66
- West Ada School District, StoryCon 2026, Chenin McConnell - \$678.36
- Blaine County School District, StoryCon 2026, Trenton Pennington - \$520.71
- Latah County Library District, San Jose State University Library Science Course, Michelle Sturdy - \$1,250.00

CE Grant Budget Summary

- Total CE Grant budget for FY26 \$50,000
- Total CE Grants awarded for FY26 \$32,004.01 (37 grants, minus 3 canceled grants)
- FY25 CE Grant carry forward \$1,125

- Remaining FY26 budget available \$16,870.99
- Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY26 \$ 16,041.51 (19 grants, includes carry forward award)

Breakdown of FY26 Awarded Continuing Education Grants

(Cancelled awards removed from totals)

- First-Time Conference Grants (82%) \$26,135.51
- Library Science Course Grants (16%) \$ 5,137.50
- Group Training Grants (0%) \$ 0.00
- Leadership Development Grants (2%) \$ 731.00