

V. Federal Fund

C. Grants – Continuing Education Grant Awards – Information item

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Continuing Education Grant applications from June 6, 2024, to August 8, 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
Meridian Library District – CE 25-21 First-Time Conference Attendance American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition Talley Gaskins	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – Silverstone Branch – CE 25-22 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Library Service to Children National Institute Paige Beach	\$768	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Connect Branch – CE 25-24 First-Time Conference Attendance Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Conference Anna Langrill	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Lizard Butte Library – CE 25-25 First-Time Conference Attendance Association for Rural and Small Libraries Annual Conference Catriona Hardy	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – Cherry Lane Branch – CE 25-26 Library Science Course Emporia State University courses Robert Meier	\$1,250	Staff reviewed and approved

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Coeur d’Alene Public Library – CE 25-27 First-Time Conference Attendance Pacific Northwest Library Association Annual Conference Olivia Cretella	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – Cherry Lane Branch – CE 25-29 Library Science Course University of Alabama course Nichole Gillihan	\$1,065	Staff reviewed and approved
Nampa Public Library – CE 25-30 Leadership Development Activity Library Journal course – Adapt and Thrive: Leadership Methods for a Resilient Library Barbra Hendricks	\$189	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – CE 25-31 Library Science Course Emporia State University courses Jane Olsen	\$1,250	Staff reviewed and approved
Earnest Hemingway STEAM School Library – CE 25-32 Library Science Course University of Idaho course Elizabeth Galpin	\$398	Staff reviewed and approved
Ada Community Library – Lake Hazel Branch – CE 25-33 Library Science Course Valdosta State University course Emily Johnson	\$1,007	Staff reviewed and approved
Clearwater County District Library – CE 25-34 First-Time Conference Attendance Power Up Summit Jenni Tissell	\$800	Staff reviewed and approved
Meridian Library District – Cherry Lane Branch – CE 25-35 First-Time Conference Attendance Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Conference Rachel Erskine	\$1,125	Staff reviewed and approved
Latah County Library District – CE 25-36 Leadership Development Activity Leadership Moscow April Hernandez	\$731.25	Staff reviewed and approved
14 CE Grants awarded since 6/6/2024	\$13,083.25	
Total CE Grant budget for FY25	\$45,000	
Total CE Grants awarded for FY25 (3 cancelled grants subtracted)	\$34,115.25	33 grants
FY24 CE Grant carry forward	\$675	1 grant
Remaining FY25 budget available to award	\$10,209.75	
Total CE Grant funds disbursed in FY25	\$3,375	3 grants

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Breakdown of FY25 Awarded Continuing Education Grants (Cancelled awards removed from totals)	Amount	Percentage of Total Awards
First-Time Conference Grants	\$24,068	70%
Library Science Course Grants	\$9,127	27%
Group Training Grants	\$0	0%
Leadership Development Grants	\$920.25	3%