

2027 KDLA Continuing Education Grant

Applications for the 2027 Continuing Education Grant will open June 1, 2026, and close August 31, 2026. Applications are located on the [KDLA grant portal](#). Funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grants to States program, this KDLA grant provides Kentucky public libraries with support for staff professional development opportunities, including online training, tuition, training materials, and staff development trainers. A total of \$50,000 is available, with awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 based on library staff size. Projects must begin October 1, 2026.

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2026 Department for Local Government Reporting Deadlines

Several Special Purpose Governmental Entities (SPGEs) reporting deadlines are approaching.

- June 30: FY 25-26 Budget Amendments must be approved and uploaded to the SPGE portal.
- June 30: FY 24-25 Audit and Attestation Engagements due to SPGE portal. Please be sure that you upload the final auditor's report, not a draft.
- July 15: SPGE registration, annual registration fee, and SPGE board reporting form.
- July 15: Budget estimates for FY 26-27 due to SPGE portal. FY 26-27 Budget must be approved by the library board no later than June 30.
- August 29: FY 25-26 budget year-end actuals due to SPGE portal.

In addition to these SPGE portal deadlines, the library must publish a public notice in a local newspaper indicating where the public may examine adopted budgets and recent audit/attestation engagements no later than September 1. KDLA Regional Library Consultants can assist with the wording of the notice by providing examples.

Free Registration with SAM.gov

Kentucky libraries are encouraged to maintain free, active entity registration in the federal System for Award Management (SAM.gov). This registration must be renewed on a yearly basis to participate in federal funding opportunities, including KDLA grants through the Library Services and Technology Act, E-rate, FEMA disaster relief, and more.

For assistance with SAM.gov, please contact Lauren Abner, State E-rate Coordinator, at lauren.abner@ky.gov or (502) 564-1728.

Did You Know? KDLA recently added two new resources to the website: a [Form & Policy Checklist](#) and the [Leadership Toolkit LibGuide](#). To browse the available resources, such as example policies and grant opportunities, visit the KDLA website and select the [Library Support tab](#).
