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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 10, 2026

DATE: January 13, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$17,980.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the purchase of new and in-demand downloadable library materials; if approved, to direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Library is seeking retroactive approval of Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$17,980.00, no local match required] for the purchase of new and in-demand ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. The grant term is December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept grant awards and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada State Legislature has allocated funds for public libraries in the State Collection Development Grant Program. These funds are distributed to public libraries in Nevada based on their own local spending for collection development. Utilizing the formula based on these expenditures ([NRS 378.087](#)), the smaller libraries receive a

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greater proportionate amount than the libraries with the larger budgets. Based on current collection development spending levels, the State approved funding for Washoe County Library in the amount of \$17,980.00.

If approved, these grant monies will fund the purchase of new and in-demand digital titles across all audiences, which will directly benefit library patrons by increasing the availability of popular ebooks and downloadable audiobooks on the Libby platform.

Retroactive approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds is sought due to the arrival of the award notification on December 3, 2025; documents were submitted at the earliest available BCC meeting.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award

Scope of the Project: Washoe County Library System will purchase additional downloadable ebooks and audiobooks across multiple genres and subject areas for children, teens, and adults. The digital titles will be available for download on the Libby platform.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: The project will decrease wait times for holds and expand upon the availability of in-demand titles for patrons with limited library access who rely on digital materials.

On-Going Program Support: Grant funds will not be used to support costs of ongoing programs.

Award Amount: \$17,980.00

Grant Period: December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Funding Source: State of Nevada

Pass Through Entity: Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records

Assistance Listing #/CFDA: N/A

Grant ID Number: State FY2026

Match Amount and Type: None

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County Library adopted budget will be increased by \$17,980.00 [no local match required] in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO – 12634 FY26 State Collection Development	432100 – State Grants	\$17,980.00
IO – 12634 FY26 State Collection Development	710314 – Library Materials	\$17,980.00

Total project funds amount to \$17,980.00; no match required. No ongoing and future expenditures are associated with this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$17,980.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the purchase of new and in-demand downloadable library materials; if approved, to direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to approve Fiscal Year 2026 State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$17,980.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of December 3, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for the purchase of new and in-demand downloadable library materials; if approved, to direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”*