

Memo

To: State Library Commission
From: Darlene Staffeldt
Date: 12/19/2007
Re: LSTA 2005 Budget

You will remember that in February when you passed the FY'05 budget we left a balance of \$68,195 to be decided on at your April meeting. I would recommend the following traveling trainer proposal for your consideration.

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR LSTA 2005 FUNDS

Project Title: **TRAVELING TRAINER**

Project Description:

This project will fill statewide training gaps affecting Montana librarians. The project will recruit and deploy a training professional to focus on delivering library skills training on both a statewide and local level. The trainer provided through this project will help librarians learn to more effectively integrate new technologies and services into their own library workflows. The position will bring a Montana perspective to the training librarians receive on OCLC FirstSearch, Gale and Ebsco magazine databases, statistical database and spreadsheet use, etc. This trainer will travel statewide conducting both formal and informal training sessions at host libraries with personnel, and, when appropriate, patrons invited to participate. This project will enable MSL to deliver not only more training, but more effective training through a locally customized approach designed to effectively target the needs of Montana libraries.

Project Cost:

\$50,000

Project Impact:

In recent years, a number of innovative projects authorized by the Montana State Library Commission have significantly impacted the range of services and delivery systems Montana's libraries use to meet the library and information needs of Montana citizens. Projects like the Montana Library Network and the group purchase contracts for OCLC services and InfoTrac online magazines are now accepted features on the Montana library landscape. Although these elements have moved from innovative to common practice, the support infrastructure for them lacks adequate development. We have provided Montana librarians with great tools, but they need on-going training to realize the full benefit of these tools and to be able to pass those benefits on to our citizens. The Statewide Technology Librarians are called upon to assist libraries with a variety of needs, of which training is only one. This project will place a new focus on training and serve as a conduit for the service innovations of recent years to truly benefit Montana's libraries.