

## MEMO

**To:** State Library Commission  
**From:** Magi Malone  
**Re:** Federal E-Rate Program Update  
**Date:** January 29, 1999

### Federal E-Rate program update:

As of January 27, 1999, 29 public libraries in Montana have received funding commitment letters from the Schools and Libraries Division for telecommunication services that are eligible for discounts through the federal E-Rate program. For Montana public libraries, the total amount committed so far is \$91,979.36, with amounts ranging from as little as \$288.75 to as much as \$14,794.44. The following is a break down of dollars committed, by library:

Belt Public Library: \$412.48	Liberty Co. Library: \$910.80
Belgrade Public Library: \$2,914.45	Missoula Public Library: \$9,345.00
Blaine Co. Library: \$964.80	Montana State Library: \$13,226.40
Chouteau Co. Free Library: \$2,360.16	Petroleum Co. Community Library: \$288.75
Daniels Co. Library: \$797.28	Phillips Co. Library: \$1,103.43
Fallon Co. Library: \$2,074.12	Plains District Library: \$2,143.02
Flathead Co. Library: \$14,794.44	Polson City Library: \$2,920.46
Glacier Co. Library: \$641.65	Preston Town/Co. Library: \$1,259.60
Glasgow City Co. Library: \$1,148.82	Ronan City Library: \$1,651.20
Great Falls Public Library: \$7,020.81	Roosevelt Co. Library: \$3,138.49
Havre-Hill Co. Library: \$2,776.10	Sidney Public Library: \$3,514.05
John Gregory Library: \$1,644.50	Toole Co. Library: \$1,219.29
Judith Basin Co. Free Library: \$1,887.68	Twin Bridges Public Library: \$781.20
Laurel Public Library: \$1,968.80	Valier Public Library: \$785.58
Lewis & Clark Public Library: \$8,286.00	

The following is a break down of libraries, by "wave."

#### **WAVE 1: November 17, 1998**

Judith Basin Co. Free Library: \$1,887.68 - form 486 submitted in Dec. 1998  
Polson City Library: \$2,920.46 - form 486 and BEAR form submitted in Dec. 1998

#### **WAVE 2: November 25, 1998**

No MT public libraries

**Wave 3: December 17, 1998**

Glasgow City County Library: \$1,148.82 - form 486 submitted

**WAVE 4: December 30, 1998**

No MT public libraries

**WAVE 4, Part II, Special Library Wave: January 12, 1999**

Belt Public Library: \$412.48 - I'm working with Verna on the forms to submit

Fallon County Library: \$2,074.12 - I'm working with Judy on the forms to submit

Great Falls Public Library: \$7,020.81 - form 486 submitted

Missoula Public Library: \$9,345.00 - form 486 submitted

Phillips Co. Library: \$1,103.43 - Jack is working with Janeen

Ronan City Library: \$1,651.20 - I'm working with Marilyn on the forms

Roosevelt Co. Library: \$3,138.49 - Jack Sterling of NeMont is working with Andrea

Toole Co. Library: \$1,219.29 - I'm working with Heidi

**WAVE 5: January 19, 1999**

Blaine Co. Library: \$964.80 - Jack Sterling of NeMont is working with Lee

Chouteau Co. Free Library: \$2,360.16 - Jack Sterling of NeMont is working with Mary

Daniels Co. Library: \$797.28 - Jack Sterling is working with Marlene

Lewis & Clark Public Library: \$8,286.00 - I'm working with Bruce

Montana State Library: \$13,226.40 - I'll do the forms

Petroleum Co. Community Library: \$288.75 - I'm working with Nancy

Preston Town/Co. Library: \$1,259.60 - I'm working with Jean

Twin Bridges Public Library: \$781.20 - I'm working with Sheila

Valier Public Library: \$785.58 - I'm working with Duane

**WAVE 6: January 26, 1999**

Belgrade Public Library: \$2,914.45 - I'm working with Ilene

Flathead Co. Library: \$14,794.44 - I'm working with Rita

Glacier Co. Library: \$641.65 - I'm working with Sheryl

Havre-Hill Co. Library: \$2,776.10 - I'm working with Bonnie

John Gregory Library: \$1,644.50 - I'm working with Donna

Laurel Public Library: \$1,968.50 - I'm working with Peggy

Liberty Co. Library: \$910.80 - Jack Sterling is working with Cindy

Plains District Library: \$2,143.02 - I'm working with Carrie

Sidney Public Library: \$3,514.05 - I'm working with Renee

These libraries, and hopefully more by the time you are reading this, are in the midst of completing additional forms for the Schools and Libraries Division, as well as for vendors and service providers.

I have estimated that 53 libraries submitted both forms 470 and 471 for last year's funding. The Schools and Libraries Division records show that they are processing 36 form 471 applications, requesting \$80,779.58 in E-Rate funding, which is less than they have committed date. When the "waves" are done, I will know which libraries weren't funded, and will start the appeals process with the Schools and Libraries Division for the remaining (estimated) 23 libraries.

For fiscal year 2000 discounts, 59 libraries have posted a form 470 at the Schools and Libraries Division home page, as of January 27, 1999. This is the first required form of the process. That is an average of 1 library per day since the 100 day window opened on December 1, 1998. In order to participate in the FY 2000 funding period, a form 470 needs to be filed by February 11, 1999, so that it can be posted on the Internet for 28 days, and then a form 471 needs to be filed by March 11, 1999.

**Montana Universal Access Program:**

The following public libraries in the more rural areas of the state have direct access to the Internet and pay backhaul charges for that direct access:

Augusta Community Library (branch of the Lewis and Clark Public Library)

Fallon County Library in Baker

Lincoln Community Library (branch of the Lewis and Clark Public Library)

Plains District Library

West Yellowstone Public Library

I will be assisting these libraries in applying for the Montana Universal Access Program, through the Montana Public Service Commission. The deadline for applying for discounts on backhaul charges through this program is April 1, 1999.