

## MEMO

**To:** State Library Commission  
**From:** Darlene Staffeldt/Sue Jackson  
**Re:** LSCA and LSTA project updates  
**Date:** January 29, 1999

### LSCA TITLE II

**Sheridan Public Library (FY 96):** Open house for the new library is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Problems with the carpet and lighting have been resolved. In addition, the new book shelving has arrived and been installed, the old book shelving has been painted and moved, and built-in shelving for the children=s and computer areas has been donated and put in place. New furniture for the adult reading area and the new conference table are expected to arrive before the open house. The new library building is currently closed, but will open as soon as the books are on the shelves and everything is in place, which will be February 8th at the latest.

**Dillon City Library (FY 97):** A new set of architectural drawings was prepared and approved with a few modifications by Jim Whaley. The Dillon City Library Board also requested changes to the drawings in an effort to bring the costs down to the amount of money available for the project. The project was advertised for bids beginning January 27th. Bids will be opened on February 18, 1999.

### LSTA FY 98

**LSTA Internet Connectivity Project (ICP):** Currently, agreements are in place in **Phase I** of this project for twenty-three libraries. This includes one project that started since the Commission=s December meeting:

Dillon Public Library (LSTA \$2,520). This project was originally expected to be for a direct Internet connection, but the library has opted for dial-up access instead.

This new project brings the total cost in LSTA funds to date for Phase I to \$53,124.

**Phase II** of the Internet Connectivity Project continues. At this time four agreements have been written:

Choteau Public Library (LSTA \$5,471)  
Chouteau County Library (Fort Benton) (LSTA \$8,080)  
Livingston-Park County Public Library (LSTA \$8,010)  
Mineral County Public Library (Superior) (LSTA \$5,957)

These four projects bring the total cost in LSTA funds to date for Phase II to \$27,518. Two additional libraries are still possible participants in Phase II: Thompson-Hickman County Library (Virginia City) and Ronan City Library. Final decisions on these two projects will be made within the next two weeks.

The **total** amount of LSTA funds committed to both Phase I and Phase II of ICP at this time equals \$80,642. This amount subtracted from the original project total of \$173,050 leaves a balance of \$92,408.

### **LSTA FY 99**

**FY 99 Award:** The IMLS grant award for FY 1999 has been received. The amount of the award is \$719,195.

**Library Improvement Project for Madison County:** The agreement for this project has been transacted with the Thompson-Hickman County Library Board. MSL staff will work with the Board and the newly-appointed 5-member Advisory Committee to schedule the first Committee meeting as soon as possible. It will be the Committee's responsibility to develop a program expanding library services that will be presented to the Board as recommendations for use of the LSTA funds amounting to \$40,000. Grant funds are to be used for county-wide projects that provide direct library services to the public. LSTA money will also be used for expenses of Advisory Committee meetings.

**Institutional Contracts:** Contracts to provide library services to residents of four state institutions have been sent to the following public libraries (total LSTA \$8,041):

Flathead County Library System for residents of Montana Veterans= Home in Columbia Falls (LSTA \$2,359)  
Glendive Public Library for residents of Eastmont Human Services Center (LSTA \$826)  
Great Falls Public Library for students at Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind (LSTA \$1,750)  
Lewistown Public Library for residents of Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center (LSTA \$3,106)