

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSCA and LSTA project updates
Date: April 2, 1999

LSCA FY 97 Title II

Dillon City Library: The grant agreement is now in place for this project. Remodeling has begun in the basement of the library with dirt and rock being removed in preparation for construction of the meeting room. Remodeling in other areas is scheduled to begin in May.

LSTA FY 98 Internet Connectivity Project (ICP)

Phase I: Twenty-two of the twenty-three participating Phase I libraries have Internet access available to their patrons. Dillon City Library will not connect until the remodeling has been completed in the library basement.

Eighteen libraries have expended all of the grant funds allocated for the Internet projects. Three additional libraries (Dillon, Ekalaka, Valier) have expended the bulk of their grant funds and have indicated that the balances will be spent on the project. One library (Stevensville) has not yet requested reimbursement, but has reported that the Internet is now available for library patrons.

One project revision was approved in March. Philipsburg Public Library proposed that grant funds originally allocated to upgrade the library computer be used instead for providing library patrons with training in using the Internet. One class has been held at the library for nine local residents and evaluated very highly. Other sessions may be scheduled soon if enough interest is shown. There remains \$777 in the Philipsburg grant and this amount may be reverted if additional Internet training is not done.

Phase II: Signed agreements are in place for all six Phase II projects. Two agreements have been transacted since February:

Ronan City Library (LSTA \$6,095)
Thompson-Hickman County Library (Virginia City) (LSTA \$6,068)

ICP Totals:

total LSTA expenditure for Phase I projects = \$53,124
total LSTA expenditure for Phase II projects = \$39,681

total LSTA expenditure for Phase I & II projects = \$92,805

→ balance LSTA ICP funds (\$173,050 - \$92,805) = \$80,245

LSTA FY 99 Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County

The first meeting of the 5-member LIP Advisory Committee was held at the Sheridan Public Library on March 27, 1999. MSL staff attended the meeting to provide information about the background of the project, mechanics of the grant (reimbursement and calculation of match funds), decision-making processes, and recommended communication needs. Following the brief orientation, the Committee began its work. The group decided to collect information on each of the libraries in the county, including hours, staffing, and needs, and to conduct a simple survey of Madison County residents about their use of the libraries and needs for additional services. A second meeting is scheduled for April 20, 1999 at the Thompson-Hickman County Library in Virginia City. MSL staff will be working with the Thompson-Hickman County Library Board and the Madison County Clerk about reimbursement requests and payments.