

MEMO

To: State Library Commission
From: Sue Jackson
Re: LSTA Project Updates
Date: January 21, 2000

Annual Report: The annual report for the federal fiscal year 1999 (10/1/98 -9/30/99) was submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) by that agency's December 31, 1999 deadline. The report included an accounting of the \$223,301 of FY 98 funds carried over from last year. Of this amount, \$3,757.70 was unobligated and reverted to the federal government. Projects highlighted in the FY 99 report as "Exemplary Programs" included Montana Talking Book Library Project, Internet Connectivity Project Phase II, and Library Improvement Project for Madison County.

Total expenditures during the report period from FY 99 LSTA funds equaled \$352,615. The amount of the FY 99 grant award carried over for expenditure this year equals \$366,580. This amount will be expended by September 30, 2000.

2000 LSTA Projects

→FY 99 Grant Award Carried Over to 2000 = \$366,580←
→FY 00 Grant Award = \$724,975←

The FY 2000 grant award has been received from IMLS in the amount of \$724,975. This represents an increase of \$5,780 from the previous year. The tentative LSTA project budget that was approved by the Commission at its December meeting used an estimated figure for FY 2000 based on the FY 99 grant. Now that the actual amount is known for FY 2000, some project figures have changed.

The following projects have been approved for funding: [see Kris's report for current expenditure levels]:

<u>Montana Library Services Advisory Council</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$4,500]</i>
<u>Montana State Library Operations</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 2000 = \$350,884]</i>
<u>Networking Task Force</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$8,500]</i>
<u>Statewide Technology Librarians</u>	<i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$97,500]</i>

Montana Library Network: With the receipt of the official FY 2000 grant award, the budget for the MLN project has been adjusted slightly to the amounts given below (see Bruce's report for a project update).

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$160,861; FY 2000 LSTA (budgeted) = \$324,091]

Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County: The LIP Advisory Committee continues to meet and make progress on its agenda. The Harrison School contract is in place and the school library will begin providing public library services to residents of Harrison and Pony within the next two weeks. The Fortres security software has been purchased for all library computers in the county and installation has been completed at two of the libraries. The libraries in Ennis and Sheridan have agreed to the Committee's proposal to use LIP grant funds to pay expenses to keep each library open ten additional evening/weekend hours each week. Virginia City and Twin Bridges are still considering this idea and working on how to accomplish it. Finally, the Advisory Committee has continued to work on a model for a countywide library system and has developed the criteria and preliminary costs for staff, facilities and programs. Following finalization of the model, the Committee will seek input from other individuals and groups in the county to assess the feasibility of implementing the model.

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$40,000; (\$38,269 carried over to 2000); total expenditure to date = \$9,242]

Summer Institute 2000: The contract with Rocky Mountain College is still being reviewed and certain clauses are being negotiated by MSL and college counsel. MSL staff has interviewed Schreiber Shannon Associates of New Mexico and has asked SSA to prepare a proposal for providing two days of the management/ leadership training to be offered at the Institute.

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$50,000]

2000 Fall Workshop: The 2000 Fall Workshop was not included in the tentative budget presented to the Commission in December. However, because it was approved to be an annual continuing education event, LDD is now planning to hold the event again in 2000. The dates and location have been determined: September 22nd and 23rd at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown. Work will begin soon on preparation of the CE agenda and list of possible trainers. The cost is estimated at the same amount as the workshop held in 1999.

[FY 99 LSTA (budgeted) = \$6,950]

Library Improvement Project for Lake County: The Lake County Commissioners have approved MSL's proposal for the LIP project in that county in a letter dated December 21, 1999, to the State Librarian. The County Commission has agreed to appoint a five-member countywide library board within the next few weeks. The Lake County Library Board will be the legal entity asked to transact the project agreement as well as make decisions about the expenditure of LSTA funds.

[FY 2000 LSTA (budgeted) = \$50,000]