

**MEMO**

**To:** State Library Commission  
**From:** Sue Jackson  
**Re:** LSTA Project Updates  
**Date:** November 22, 2000

**1999 and 2000 LSTA Projects**

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

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| <b><u>Montana Library Network</u></b>                   | <b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$160,861]*</i></b><br><b><i>FY 00 = \$324,091]*</i></b> |
| <b><u>Montana Library Services Advisory Council</u></b> | <b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$4,500]*</i></b>  |
| <b><u>Montana State Library Operations</u></b>          | <b><i>[budgeted FY 00 = \$350,884]*</i></b>                                      |
| <b><u>Networking Task Force</u></b>                     | <b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$8,500]*</i></b>  |
| <b><u>Statewide Technology Librarians</u></b>           | <b><i>[budgeted FY 99 = \$97,500]*</i></b>                                       |

**[\*see Kris Schmitz's report for total expenditures to date for these projects]**

**FY 99:** All FY 99 LSTA funds that were carried over to this year, totaling \$366,580, were expended by the September 30, 2000 deadline. Therefore, no LSTA funds will revert to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) this year. This will be the final reporting to the Commission for projects from the FY 99 grant award. Preparation of MSL's annual report for IMLS will begin in December. The report is due at the end of the calendar year and will detail all FY 99 and FY 00 LSTA expenditures made during the year.

**Library Improvement Project (LIP) for Madison County:** This project is completed. All LSTA grant funds were successfully expended, with the final balance being divided between the four libraries for additional materials. Reports for local matching funds have been received and compiled and a total of nearly \$35,000 in time, travel, and donations went into the project. The final LIP Advisory Committee meeting was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Sheridan. At the November 7<sup>th</sup> election, the voters of Madison County approved the consolidation measure that appeared on the ballot, but did not approve the request for additional mills to fund the consolidated library system.  
***[FY 99 LSTA = \$40,000]***

**2000 Fall Workshop:** All expenses for the Lewistown Fall Workshop have been paid. The workshop brought 70 librarians from around the state for two days of training on a variety of topics. Inclement weather and snowy roads prevented 15 other registrants from attending.

***[FY 99 LSTA = \$3,950.27]***

**Library Improvement Project for Lake County:** The Interim County Library Board continues to meet and plan for the project and grant expenditures. No funds have been expended to date. Bob Cooper is working closely with the Board as they prepare to conduct a survey of the residents of Lake County about library services and needs.

***[FY 00 LSTA (budgeted) = \$50,000]***

**MLN Montanaiana Regrant Project:** These projects are all in progress. The only project that has expended grant funds to date is the Yellowstone Art Museum's Will James artwork project.

***[FY 00 LSTA (budgeted) = \$18,220.66; expended to date = \$2,602.96]***

**MLN Shared Catalog Project for the Hi-Line:** This MLN project is making progress. John Finn continues to work with Bonnie Williamson, ordering equipment and planning for the shared catalog. Most of the equipment required for the project has been received and the libraries have received new computers, software, printers, and light pens. Big Sandy is now connected directly to the Internet and the other libraries will soon have the same status. The transfer of library holdings from the OCLC database into the shared catalog database will begin very soon.

***[FY 99 & 00 LSTA (budgeted) = \$68,946; expended to date = \$38,623.53]***

**Summer Institute (SI) 2001:** Planning and arrangements are underway to present another weeklong Summer Institute for managers of small public libraries. Next year, the Institute will be held on the campus of Montana Tech in Butte. The facilities, including classrooms, computer labs, dorm rooms, and dining hall space have been reserved for the week of June 10-15, 2001. Topics currently being considered for the SI include personnel issues, leadership/management skills, grant writing, changes in interlibrary loan, and an MSL update session. Publicity for the event will begin in January.

***[LSTA (requested) = \$25,000]***