

Memo

To: Commission Members
From: Darlene Staffeldt
Date: January 29, 2007
Re: Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for FY2007

Please know that Congress still has not passed the bill that has the LSTA funds attached to it and thus we have not received the official notification of the funding that will be coming to Montana. Word from our federal LSTA program office is that they will be operating under a continuing resolution budget at least through the 15th of February, so at this time I do not have a federal budget for you to take action on. We have left the item on the agenda as action so that if we do get a budget notice prior to the Commission meeting you will still have the option to take some action, if appropriate.

Montana State Library (MSL) staff will be busy preparing budget recommendations to present to the Commission at your April meeting. We will be recommending the budget based on the following criteria:

- The proven statewide impact of each project;
- Staff resources available for project management;
- Sustaining worthwhile current projects;
- Importance of the project based on the library community's comments during the long-range planning process; and
- Possible innovative new projects which will help us meet the goals of the long range plan.

As a reminder the FY 2006 LSTA budget was assigned as noted below:

State Library Operations	\$361,000
Technology Consultants	185,000
Montana Library Network	150,000
Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)	70,000
MSC Tech Assistant	22,000

FY06 Summer Institute	20,000
Marketing	25,000
Fall workshop	13,000
Library Board Education Program	22,000
Traveling trainer position	54,000
Children's	3,000
Networking Task Force	4,157
OCLC Group Catalog	68,000
LSTA evaluation	11,000
TOTAL	\$1,008,157

Additional projects we have been asked to consider funding or we are investigating for consideration would included:

- funding the third statewide technology consultant,
- monies for the ask a librarian virtual reference program,
- demonstration project of sending librarians to national workshops,
- statewide WebJunction membership,
- Statewide "Overdrive" project,
- We will also be considering closing the Montana Library Network (MLN) project and moving the MLN Information Specialist to the Montana Shared Catalog project.